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EUROPE.

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THE BOMBARDMENT OF PARIS.

Fearful Destruction by the German Shells—Libraries, Collection of Art, Churches and Private Houses Destroyed—Women and Children Killed in their Beds.

LONDON, Jan. 14—9 P. M.—Paris newspapers of the 10th inst. have been received, and furnish the following interesting particulars of the bombardment:

They unite in saying that a rare of projectiles (some weighing ninety-six kilograms,) unprecedented in the history of the siege, was pouring into that portion of Paris lying between the Hotel des Invalides and the Odeon. The bombardment continued without interruption throughout the day and night, and was so violent on the night of the 8th between the church of St. Sulpice and the Museum, that shells fell every two minutes. Hospitals, ambulances, schools, the public libraries, the churches of St. Sulpice, the Sorbonne and Val de Grâce, and many private houses, have been struck. Women were killed both in the streets and their beds, and infants in their mothers' arms. One projectile which fell in the Rue Vaugirard killed four children and wounded five others. The unrivalled works of art in the Luxembourg and the Museum were destroyed. The hospital Val de Grace, suffered greatly, and wounded soldiers were there killed in their beds.

Paris is transformed into a battle-field, in which the women show themselves as brave as the men.

The French Fire—Effect on the German Works.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Official advices from Paris state the bombardment was continued throughout the night of the 11th, shell falling every minute in the St. Sulpice quarters. Forts Issy, Vanvres and Montrouge also cannonaded with great violence. The reply from the external batteries was so effective as to inflict great damage upon the Prussian fortifications and cause a slackening of their fire. Fort Nogent, the village of Fontenay and the bend of the Marne were also bombarded, without important result. The forts on the eastern side of the city cannonaded the entire Prussian line in that direction with much effect.

A dispatch from Versailles says the bombardment of Paris continued on the 14th. Forts Issy, Vanvres and Montrouge were silenced.

Ineffectual Sorties of the Garrison—Severe Fighting, but the Assailants Repulsed in Disorder.

LONDON, Jan. 15—3 A. M.—A dispatch just received from Versailles says that on the night of the 13th vigorous sorties have been made by the garrison of Paris in three several directions. The French simultaneously advanced against the Prussian Guards near Le Bourget and Drancy, north-east of Paris; against the Eleventh German Corps near Meudon, south-west of Paris, and against the Second Bavarian Corps near Clamart, also to the south of the city. The fighting in each instance was spirited, but resulted everywhere in the defeat of the French, who, repulsed at all points, retreated rapidly within their works, a portion of them in great disorder.

The French Protest Against the German Fire—Bismarck's Defense of his Mode of Warfare.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The protest of the Paris Government to the foreign Powers against the bombardment of the French capital by the Prussians is in effect as follows:

The bombardment is proceeding wantonly, upon hospitals, ambulances, and churches, and is killing many innocent women and children. All the authorities on war and military usage require that a warning to remove noncombatants shall precede the opening of such an attack upon a city. The bombardment, continues the protest, is not a preliminary to military action, but is an act coldly calculated to devastate the city and strike terror to the citizens by murder and incendiarism. The Government protests loudly in the face of the civilized world as this useless barbarism, and concludes its manifesto by the statement that the inhabitants of Paris are undismayed.

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—Count BISMARCK, in a note just issued to the North German representatives abroad, defends the German mode of warfare, and appeals for witnesses to the English and American reporters with the German armies. He cites two cases as evidence of French barbarity, two cases in which the French fired upon Parliamentaire, and also thirty-one violations of the Geneva Convention. He also says the French use explosive missiles, burn ships, maltreat prisoners, and encourage the violation of their parole by French officers. In conclusion Count BISMARCK says the French rulers do not wish for peace, but gag the Press, prevent the convocation of the National Assembly, and force the people to continue the war.

Effect of the German Fire on the Forts—Destruction of a Bridge Covered with French Troops.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Our correspondent at Versailles, in a dispatch dated the 12th, says:

From 1½ to 5 yesterday the bombardment of Paris was continued vigorously, with only few intermissions of ten and twenty-five minutes respectively.

The destruction of Fort Issy is virtually achieved. Fore Montrouge is breached so completely that from Fatet, near Sceaux, the spectator can see right through to the enemie. The barracks are utterly burned down.

The French were yesterday engaged in bringing troops across the railway from the river. The Gauche bridge, near Ecst Meudon, while crowded with men, was struck with shells, broke down, precipitating the soldiers from an immense height, crushing them to death.

At 4 o'clock P. M. our correspondent says the heaviest fighting yet known was then going on, and was directed mainly against the Montrouge. The bombardment was absolutely unceasing for twelve hours.

VON MOLTKE narrowly escaped with his life. He was returning from a visit to the south-western batteries, when a shell burst close to his carriage, covering himself and his aide-de-camp with mud, ice and frozen dirt.

A French dash made at the breastworks resulted in the capture of one officer and twenty men of the Sixth Bavarian infantry.

MANTEUFFEL left Versailles yesterday, after breakfasting with the King, to take a new command.—Evening Telegram.

Saturday's Fire General—The Germans Accused of Using Petroleum Shells—Trochu's Order of the Day.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* has special dispatches from Paris to Saturday. The bombardment was slowly maintained against Forts Nogent and Romain all day Friday, but was general on Saturday. The French accuse the Prussians of using petroleum shells. Gen. TROCHU, in his order of the day, renews his laudation of the troops for their courage and steadiness. The *Pall Mall Gazette* has reason to believe that the King of Prussia contemplates leaving Versailles for a short time.

MISCELLANEOUS WAR NEWS.

Operations on the Loire—Chanzy's Army Reorganized—Movements in the East and North.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—It is announced that Gen. CHANZY's Army of the Loire has been reorganized, and is about to resume operations. The positions held by Gen. CHANZY's forces are very strong.

BORDEAUX, Jan. 16.—Gen. CHANZY reports minor engagements with the advanced guard of the enemy yesterday, and that he expects a general attack today. The Prussians have been dislodged from Gien, and are retreating on Montargis and Orleans.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—A dispatch from Prunfrut, dated the 13th, reports severe fighting all that day between Herincourt and Croix, in the Department of Haute Saône, which had not closed at a late hour in the evening. The result was unknown. Large reinforcements are stated to be coming from the north to the German Army of the East.

A despatch from Havre says there is constant skirmishing near that city. It is reported that the Prussians are turning the left wing of Gen. FAIDHERBE's army of the North, and are menacing Cambrai.

A dispatch from Lille says the army of Gen. FAIDHERBE is daily receiving reinforcements, and is advancing. It encamps during Sunday at Albert, supported on its right by the divisions of Gens. PAULZES and DUVOY, and on the left by that of Gen. FAVRE. The division of Gen. ROBIN remains at Bapaume.

The Prussians menace a bombardment of Longwy, and the women and children are flying into Belgium and Luxembourg. There was quite a heavy fight on Saturday, near Longwy, in which both infantry and artillery were engaged.

The command of the German Army of the Vosges is assigned to Gen. MANTEUFFEL. This army will comprehend Gen. VON WERDER's forces, which are to be greatly augmented.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 16.—The Prussians have destroyed the bridge over the Chiers, between Longwy and Arlon. The material for the bombardment of Longwy is being rapidly concentrated in the interior.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The French Provisional Government has authorised the Bank of France to issue a million a half francs of forced paper currency, secured on the State domain.

It is expected that 50,000 Belgian troops will be concentrated upon the French border in case Gen. FAIDHERBE is forced back to the frontier.

BORDEAUX, Jan. 16.—The Germans attacked Gen. CHANZY yesterday. The army resisted well except in the centre.

Gen. BOURBAKI continues to approach Belfort. He was fighting yesterday, and occupied Montbeliard. The battle was resumed today.

The Battle at Le Mans—The Second Day's Fighting.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The particulars of the second day's fighting from our correspondent with the Army of the Loire, at Le Mans, dated the 11th inst., have arrived.

He describes with minuteness the movements of the troops during the day, attended, as they were, with so terrible a loss of life. The French, he states, made a desperate effort to dislodge the Germans, and an artillery duel of fearful effect commenced. This was continued until dark, when an order reached the French that they were to fall back on Le Mans.

Our correspondent states that he saw the battle from the heights. The sun was on the ground, but the air was crisp and clear. Le Mans was not more than five miles from the field of battle. The Prussian infantry were less than a mile away, the balls occasionally rattling among the trees on the road-side, near the city.

At 4 o'clock in the day the Germans advanced by columns, covered by artillery, against the Chateau des Chartres, a pretty place, which had been made the head-quarters of the French. Here, for the first time, the French battery, hitherto reserved, opened fire, and appeared to take the Germans by surprise. This caused the advance to waver, but it was only for a moment. The Germans pressed forward and attacked the French infantry, which occupied the terraced road below Gen. DE CHANZY's position. It soon became evident the French were unable to withstand the heavy charges of the enemy.

About 5 o'clock an order was given for a backward movement, the French artillery still continuing their fire to cover this retreat. Gen. CHANZY actively superintended the retreat, which was effected in the most complete order. The French, at the time of this retreat, held some of the strongest positions, and it was generally believed that the result of the day's fighting was not irrecoverably adverse to the French.

CHANZY hoped to renew the fight on the next day, under more auspicious circumstances. Later in the evening an event occurred which made a change in the prospects of the French.

After dark a strong force of Germans renewed the fight. A most important French position, La Tuilerie, was endeavored to be taken by immense masses of infantry and a large force of cavalry, who advanced rapidly, scattering the French forces before them. The French had not anticipated this attack, and the Mobiles of Brittany fled in disorder, taking with them all the French force to the right bank of the River Huisne, and were compelled to make a rapid retreat on Le Mans.

This unforeseen disaster may compel an evacuation of the city, if not an entire break up of CHANZY's army.

A council of war is now in session at Le Mans. Should the second Army of the Loire be lost, all French hope is gone.—Evening Telegram.

THE PEACE QUESTION.

Cession of Alsace and Lorraine—Conditions to be Insisted on—Austrian Mediation—The Story only Premature.

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—The *Kreuz Zeitung* of today has an editorial in reference to the rumors which have been in circulation that the neutral States represented in the London Conference will propose the opening of negotiations for peace between France and Prussia, and insists that the Germans demand, and that peace is impossible without, the cession of Alsace and Lorraine.

The semi-official statement is made that the rumor that Austria has offered her services as a mediator between Prussia and France is at least premature.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

French Representations—M. Jules Favre's Embarrassing Situation—Difficulty of Exit from Paris—Turkey's Relations with Roumania and Egypt.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The *Observer* of today says no information was received last night relative to the departure of JULES FAVRE from Paris. The Government of Bordeaux are anxious that FAVRE should attend the London Conference, but not knowing his wishes in the matter, do not feel at liberty to appoint him their representative. The *Observer* also says: Considering the importance of an early settlement of the Eastern Question, another adjournment is impossible.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—JULES FAVRE has addressed to the Powers concerned a circular, dated Paris, Jan. 12, replying to Earl GRANVILLE's invitation to the French Government to send a representative to the Conference on the Eastern Question. He points out that any settlement of the questions to be considered by the Conference, with France unrepresented, would be void, and adds that he has been instructed by Minister GAMBETTA to proceed in person to London to attend the Conference, but is unable to do so because the Prussians fire on flags of truce sent out from Paris. It is true that Mr. WASHBURNE, the American Minister, is now authorized to promise him a pass and safe conduct through the German lines. If it is received, and the condition of Paris permits, he will proceed to London; but while the bombardment continues his departure is impossible. In the meanwhile the defense of the city goes on with undiminished vigor.

MEHEMED FUCHDI PACHA, the Turkish Minister of Finance, having been informed that JULES FAVRE has declined to attend the London Conference, reserves the right to sign the protocol.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 15.—The Turkish Government professes to have grounds for the belief that the confidential negotiations of Prince CHARLES of Roumania, with the Powers looking to the abolition of his Suzerainty to the Porte have proved unsuccessful.

It is known that the Sultan and Khédive are now on friendly terms.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

Army Reforms in England—Liability to Military Service—King William, of Prussia, and Prince Henry, of Luxemburg—Sentence of a Prince for Murder—Sheridan in Florence.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—An assimilation of the administrations of the army and navy is proposed. The plan is to commit the management of the former to a board similar to that of the Admiralty. Mr. CARDWELL will probably defend the War Department on the first night of the coming session of Parliament. Gen. MANSFIELD, whom the Government consults respecting the reorganization of the army, in a speech on Saturday at the distribution of the volunteer prizes, declared the necessity of a universal liability to military service in England, with no paid substitutes.

It is said that an officer of high rank has arrived in Luxembourg with a letter from the King of Prussia to Prince HENRY.

PESTH, Jan. 14—Prince ALEXANDER KARAGEORGEWICH has been sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for complicity in the assassination of Prince MICHAEL OBRENOVITCH, in 1868.

FLORENCE, Jan. 15.—King VICTOR EMMANUEL has given a banquet in honor of Gen. SHERIDAN.

Tempestuous Weather—The "City of Brooklyn" at Queenstown—Florida Bonds in London—Sporting Intelligence.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The weather is tempestuous, and much damage has been occasioned to shipping. The gale was terrific off the Lands End on Sunday night.

The disabled steam-ship *City of Brooklyn*, from New-York, arrived at Roches Point, below Queenstown, on Sunday afternoon, under sail.

The *Times'* city article of today is severe on the propositions made by Florida to compromise her State debt.

A great match at billiards took place on Saturday evening in St. James' Hall, between BENNETT, the present champion, and COOK, Jr., the former champion. The latter starting with a lead of 350 against the 218 of his opponent, made one break of 782, including 519 spot strokes, and won the match, which was 1,000 points, even, by 783 points. The time occupied by the game was one hour and forty-five minutes.

The great sculling match over the Tyne championship course, for £200 a side, between J. RENFORTH and H. KELLEY, representing the Tyne, and J. TAYLOR and T. WINSHIP, came off today. The betting was 7 to 4 on RENFORTH and KELLEY, who led throughout the race and won easily by several lengths.

Renomination of Senator Wilson by the Massachusetts Republican Legislative Caucus—The Labor Reformers and Mr. Phillips.

BOSTON, Jan. 16.—Hon. HENRY WILSON was nominated for re-election to the United States Senate in the Republican Legislative Caucus this afternoon, receiving 108 votes to 21 for DAVIS and 11 for BOUTWELL. The Labor Reformers and Republicans opposed to Mr. WILSON also met in caucus, negatived a motion to nominate Mr. WENDELL PHILLIPS 8 to 3, and adjourned till to-morrow.

The Weather on Mount Washington.

MOUNT WASHINGTON, N. H., Jan. 16.—Observations taken at 12½ P. M.: Barometer, 22.60; thermometer, 24; relative humidity, 100; wind, south-west; velocity, 36 miles. Sergt. SMITH was down the mountain this morning as far as Gulf Tank. The rain came down in torrents, sweeping in sheets along the side of the mountain, and has taken the snow and ice almost entirely off the railway. A light rain prevails on the summit.

WASHINGTON.

Ocean Telegraph—South Legislation—The Case of Mr. Hastings and Mr. Brooks—Georgia Congressmen—Removal of Disabilities—Jurisdiction Over Soldiers' Homes—Revenue Laws—The McGarrahan Case—Testimony of the Ex-Commissioner and Clerks.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—A sharp struggle, ending in an extraordinary result, took place in the House today on a motion of Gen. BANKS to recall from the Senate and rescind the vote by which the resolution providing for a joint special committee to consider all ocean cable enterprises was passed week before last. Much feeling was exhibited, and Gen. BANKS pecuniarily denounced the passage of the resolution as a gross infringement of the rights of the Foreign Affairs Committee, and alleged that it was passed by the House when that body did not know it, and without understanding its purport; but the House evinced a very commendable knowledge of the fact that such a resolution did pass, and refused to suspend the rules. Gen. BANKS stated during the discussion, in reply to assertions that the Foreign Affairs Committee had refused to report any Cable bills, that they would report at any time the House would give permission. When the House had refused to suspend the rules, he moved that permission be given to the Committee to report, which was unanimously agreed to. Mr. WOOD, from the Committee, then reported a general Cable bill. Mr. BANKS said he did not ask for its consideration then, but should come up from all over the House, "Let's pass it—Let's pass it," and the House took it up. The bill was read in a hurry by the Clerk, the previous question was ordered with a rush, and the bill was passed by an uproarious yea vote, with not a voice in the negative. "Now they've got it," shouted several members, but who had it and what they had nobody seemed to know. Neither did anybody know what kind of a bill had been passed in that blind manner. It was supposed that the passage of the bill was going to circumvent the schemes of the interests which have been seeking the appointment of a special joint committee on ocean cables, but those interests assert that it is their action which has foiled this bill out of the Committee, and that the reason why they have striven to get a special committee is that the present regular committees are controlled by the existing ocean cable monopolies. The bill as passed is given in the report of the proceedings. It is an open question whether, as it now stands, it does not invalidate the franchisek of the Cuba Cable Company.

MR. HASTINGS AND MR. BROOKS.

Mr. HUGH J. HASTINGS made his appearance in the House today, in response to the Brooks investigation, by the presentation, through Mr. LAWLIS, of New-York, of a well-tempered memorial, reciting the history of his differences with Mr. BROOKS, denying that he ever signed any such affidavit as was read the other day, and alleging that the matter was purely a personal and political one, and that Congress had no jurisdiction over the subject. He, therefore, prayed that the investigation be dismissed, and that Mr. BROOKS be left to investigate the matter in the Courts, where he had invited that gentleman to meet him. Mr. BROOKS made a very bitter speech in reply to this petition, and Mr. LAWLIS replied, closing with a motion to refer the memorial to the Special Committee, with instructions to make a preliminary report on the question of jurisdiction. The memorial was referred, but the House refused to instruct the Committee as asked, and the investigation will therefore begin to-morrow. Mr. HASTINGS will probably make the same point on jurisdiction before the Committee that was made in the House today.

GEORGIA IN CONGRESS ONCE MORE.

Georgia once more made her appearance on the floors of Congress today, in the persons of four of the Representatives elected at the late election in that State, who were duly sworn in, viz.: Gen. P. M. B. YOUNG and W. T. PRICE, Democrats, and MARION BUTLER and JEFFERSON F. LONG, Republicans. The latter is a dark mulatto, with crisp hair, evidently having more of the African in him than any one of his race who has yet appeared in Congress.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD.

An effort to restore to the Speaker's table the bill for the relief of the Central Branch of the Union Pacific Railroad, which had gone to the Committee on Public Lands, was made today by Mr. FITCH, of Nevada, who adroitly got in a speech on a motion to suspend the rules, a motion not debatable. The effort failed by—yeas 115, nays 65, not two-thirds in its favor. It will succeed next time.

A COUNCIL OF PEACE.

Secretary DELANO entertained the members of the Indian Peace Commission and the Indian Committees of the House and Senate, and a number of members of the Press at his residence to-night.

RELIEF FROM DISABILITIES.

In the morning hour in the Senate, Mr. JOHNSTON called up a special Disability bill which has appeared before the Senate two or three times. The amendment of Mr. TRUMBULL, offered the other day, to substitute a general provision for the removal of disabilities, came up with the bill itself. Mr. TRUMBULL was appealed to to withdraw the amendment, so that the persons named in the bill might qualify for offices to which they had been elected. He offered to do so if it could be understood that no more special bills of the kind should be considered, while a general law had been passed upon, but objection being made to such an arrangement, he pressed it on. The Senate must, therefore, decide one way or the other in regard to the general removal of disabilities, or leave the subject entirely alone.

SOLDIERS' HOME IN OHIO.

After the morning hour the bill to cede back to Ohio the site of the Soldiers' Home, in Gen. SCHENCK's District, was debated till after 4 o'clock, when the Senate went into Executive Session. The bill failed with much opposition on both sides of the Senate some objecting to the object in view, the enabling of the soldiers there to vote in local elections, and others to the form in which it was proposed to be accomplished. The passage of the bill will yet effect the contest between Judge CAMPBELL and the friends of Gen. SCHENCK.

REVENUE LAWS.

The Finance Committee of the Senate had a special meeting today, for the purpose of a conference with Gen. PELEGROXTON, Commissioner of Internal Revenue. There was a general discussion of the Revenue laws and their practical operation, with the special object of discovering in what respects new legislation was necessary or desirable. The law noticed lately in these dispatches, whose working is so different from its intention, passed last session for the reduction of the income tax, received some notice. The discussion in the Senate of the subject of taxation is evidently not to be prevented, because the Finance Committee consistently reports adversely on all bills proposing a repeal or reduction. Several Senators are determined to make a persistent effort to take from the calendar one of the many bills reported adversely, and they hope, when the subject is once before the Senate, to effect a repeal of the income tax.

THE PANOCHE RANCH.

The House Judiciary Committee this morning examined JOSEPH S. WILSON, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and WM. H. LOWERY, formerly a clerk in that office, but for several years one of the counsel of the New-Idria Company, and Messrs. STORKS, STORCK and BURL, clerks in the Land Office, in reference to the record of the patent to the Panoche Grande Ranch. The clerk who made the record swore in substance that the record which he made was not altogether from the patent, but in part from a printed form, and that, as he recollected, the record was made before the signature of the President, the seal and dates were affixed. The witnesses all agreed, however, that the word "Exd," in the margin in red ink, meant that the record had been examined and compared with the original and found to be correct. Mr. LOWERY, counsel of the New-Idria Company, swore that he wrote in pencil against the President's name "not signed," but when he did not know. He thought it was soon after OTTO's order to suspend the patent. Mr. JOSEPH S. WILSON testified that the record was brought to him in its mutilated form, and he signed it under the written order of Secretary COX. Wherever this was done, seven years after the record, he could not tell. The Commissioner was sure he did not advise this mutilation. He swore that he could not tell whether the patent had been signed, sealed and dated as shown in the record.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations were sent to the Senate today:

Postmasters.—S. H. Patrick, Danville, Ill.; J. G. Lamb, Alton, Ill.; A. F. Miller, Galena, Ill.; N. H. Pratt, Kewanee, Ill.; J. H. Bardwell, East Hampton, Conn.

Miscellaneous.—William Robertson, Assistant Engineer in the Navy; George A. Black, Secretary of Utah Territory; George A. Smith, Collector of Internal Revenue Fifth District of Virginia.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate this afternoon confirmed the following nominations:

Robert W. Fleshugh, Collector of Customs, Natchez, Miss.; George Newcomb, Collector of Customs, District of Pedee, S. C.; Thomas Hooper, Collector of Customs, Marblehead, and Henry Stover, Collector of Customs, Newburyport, Mass.; R. Daniels, Collector of Customs in the District of Apalachicola, Fla.; A. M. Foster, Consul at Santiago, Island of Cuba; Alvey A. Adee, of New-York, Secretary of Legation at Madrid, in place of John Hay, resigned; James R. Hardenburgh, of California, to be Surveyor of Customs at Sacramento, vice Thomas Reavered; Silas G. Evans to be Register of the Land Office at Boonville, Mo.; Nathaniel Pope to be Superintendent of Indian Affairs in New-Mexico; John Pitt, of Kentucky, to be Register of the Land Office at Mollendo; and to be Surveyor of the Land Office at Shasta, Col.; Andrew Washburne, of Virginia, to be Pension Agent at Richmond, Va.

Postmasters.—Edward Ward, Gloversville, N. Y.; Mordecai B. Wilcox, Fairport, N. Y.; Henry E. Wells, Dowagiac, Mich.; R. B. Wicks, Glenwood, Iowa; John E. Pulman, Adrian, N. Y.; Thos. F. Newell, Port Henry, N. Y.; Thos. Ryan, Fort Jervis, N. Y.; River Head, N. Y.; E. M. Smith, Rensselaer, N. Y.; Henry Foulds, Lanark, Ill.; Eugene A. Hinds, Hancock Springs, N. Y.; Levi M. Gave, Watkins, N. Y.; Henry Ward, Ithaca, N. Y.; Wm. Ward, Ithaca, N. Y.; Henry Ward, West Point, N. Y.; Augustus F. Goodale, Fort Jervis, N. Y.; Isaac Sherwood, Haverstraw, N. Y.

Consul.—Rear-Admiral Stephen C. Rowan, to be Rear-Admiral; Commodore Charles H. Bell, to be Rear-Admiral; Capt. James R. M. Mullany, Commodore; Capt. C. R. P. Rodgers, Commodore. The following-named Commanders to be Captains: Edward Hunter, Jr., Jas. H. Gillis, Jas. P. Jouett; and the following-named Lieutenant-Commanders to be Commanders: Augustus F. Cook, Leroy Fitch, and Noah R. Wallace.

OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO DUTY.

Mr. CLIFFORD THOMSON and Mr. W. O. AVERY are specially assigned to duty. The former as Chief in charge of supervisors and detectives, and the latter as Chief in charge of appointments, records, commissions, and leaves of absence.

REORGANIZATION OF THE REVENUE OFFICE.

A circular was issued this afternoon reorganizing the Internal Revenue Office, and establishing rules and regulations for the Bureau. The Bureau is to consist of four principal divisions, viz.:

First—Division of Law, in charge of the Solicitor of the Internal Revenue, assisted by Mr. WM. H. ARNOUX.

Second—Division of Correspondence, Statistics, and matters not otherwise provided for, in charge of the First Deputy.

Third—Division of Accounts in charge of the Second Deputy.

Fourth—Division of Distilled Spirits, Merchandise in Bond, &c., in charge of the Third Deputy.

These are again subdivided into various sections in charge of officials named in the circular.

THE PRESS AND THE REVENUE BUREAU.

The following is prescribed in the new revenue regulations concerning the furnishing of information to the representatives of the Press:

"All information designed for publication will first be submitted to the Commissioner, when, if approved by him, the same will be announced by posting on a bulletin to be kept for the purpose. The giving of information to reporters of the Press or to others, in violation of the above rules, will be reported to the Commissioner for his action."

ALBANY.

Mr. Twombly's Case Before the Committee on Privileges and Elections—Tom Fields' Track to Exclude Evidence—The Returns from the Disputed District.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 16.—A bare quorum was present in each House this evening, and the business transacted was unimportant. The Committee on Privileges and Elections held their first session this evening, and took up the contested case of TWOMBLY vs. CAREY, from the Seventh District of New-York. Alderman EUGENE DURRIE, assisted by TOM. FIELDS, acted as counsel for CAREY, and Mr. TWOMBLY appeared in his own behalf. FIELDS took the ground that the Committee could not go behind the returns of the Board of Supervisors, which showed they threw out the vote of the Sixteenth District of the Ninth Ward, but did not show how the vote of that district stood. Consequently if the Assembly were to reverse the action of the Supervisors in throwing out of the vote of that district, there would be no proof that TWOMBLY was elected. In other words, FIELDS' position, if sustained, would exclude the only evidence on which TWOMBLY could prove his title to the seat, and would render any contest useless. Mr. TWOMBLY objected to the summary disposal of his case by a petifogging trick, and asked for subpœnas to produce before the Committee the returns of the district that was thrown out by the Supervisors. Another meeting of the Committee is to be held to-morrow morning, when the Committee will probably decide whether to grant the subpœna or not. The Committee say they are going to dispose of the case without delay, and they will certainly take a short way of doing it if they adopt the trick suggested by FIELDS.

Report of the New Capitol Commissioners.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 16.—The New Capitol Commissioners, in their annual report, submitted to the Senate, say the amount expended during the year and up to Jan. 1, 1871, was $628,671 86. Total expenditures prior to 1870, as per the annual report of the Commissioners of 1866, were $640,622 14. Total expenditures from the commencement of the work to Jan. 1, 1871, $1,619,794 00. As to the probable cost of the building, they refer to the estimates already made, and state that no changes in the plan can be advantageously made now, and close by recommending a further appropriation of $1,000,000 for an energetic advance of the work.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE

SENATE....ALBANY, Monday, Jan. 16.

The Senate met at 7 o'clock. The annual report of the New Capitol Commissioners for 1870 was received, together with a communication from the same, stating that the information called for by the Senate is contained in their annual report.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. TWEED—Relative to the redemption of lands sold for unpaid taxes; also to amend the act providing for the sale of lands for unpaid taxes.

By Mr. CAULDWELL—Amending the Morrisania School act.

By Mr. CHAPMAN—Relative to a stenographic reporter for the Courts of the Sixth Judicial District.

By Mr. KEENEY—By authority a railroad from Clinton square to Wall-street, Syracuse.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The bills to regulate the term of office of Notaries Public, relating to those appointed during a recess of the Legislature, was passed. The Senate went into Committee. Several bills of minor importance were ordered to a third reading. When the Senate adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

The Senate resolution directing the Controller to pay for stone-cutting on the new Capitol building, a sum not to exceed $6,000, was received, and on the motion of Mr. CAMPBELL was unanimously adopted.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. O'NEIL—To repeal the act for an experimental railway in New-York and Westchester counties.

By Mr. FINCH—Relative to the Marine Court of New-York.

The Assembly then adjourned.

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAM-SHIP CITY OF MERIDA.

The steam-ship *City of Merida*, from Sisal and Vera Cruz, via Havana on Jan. 12, reached this port yesterday evening. By the courtesy of Purser BERRIL, the interesting letter printed below was promptly delivered at this office.

The Capture of Sisal, Campeachy—An Interview With the Wife of the Republican President—Position of Revolutionary Matters—A Tragedy Through Love.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Monday, Jan. 12, 1871.

The most exciting event of the week has been the capture of Mrs. ANITA CHAPERONA, wife of the Cuban President, and that of her escort, Mr. JUAN CLEMENTE ZENEA, who intended returning with her to the United States, running the blockade from one of the keys near Guanaja. In order to give a full account of the affair, I can do no better than to send the result of an interview between Mrs. CHAPERONA and a friend of your correspondent, who was the only gentleman, except some members of her family, who was permitted to see her. Mrs. CHAPERONA arrived here on Sunday night on the Spanish man-of-war *Cheruico*, and on Monday my friend called to see her at the Beneficencia, (orphan asylum,) where she had been placed by especial order of VALLMERDA, instead of in the Paula prison. My friend found Mrs. CHAPERONA in a pleasant room beside that of the Mother Superior. After stating that he should like some information, which would be published in New-York, Mrs. CHAPERONA gave him the following account of her departure from within the Cuban lines and her capture:

"We left the interior," she said, "several days previous to our capture, and were waiting, accompanied by two sailors, who had come with Mr. ZENEA, for a sloop to take us off. The calm weather prevailing prevented the sloop from reaching us at the appointed time, and we were discovered by the Spanish troops and captured. I was not only well treated, but taken care of by the Spanish officers in the kindest manner possible. No matter what my political sentiments may be, in honor of the truth I shall always be thankful, and shall land the generous and gentlemanly behavior of the Spanish officers. The only test which the troops had was that of Brig.-Gen. CHINCHILLA. A tent-house came up, and the General matched to and fro in front of the tent which he had ceded to me. They gave me the tent they had to eat and were delicate enough to remove me to a safe distance when they executed a number of prisoners taken by Col. BRANCAT, as they I should not notice it. On our arrival at Nuevitas, I was placed in the house of a private family, where I was well treated and furnished with some clothing, of which I stood sadly in need, all mine having been lost when my mother was captured some months ago. The Spanish officers asked me whether I had not intended to surrender to them, when I was captured, so as to put the fact in their report? I answered them no, and that I had only intended to leave the island because I was ill, having contracted a great deal since my confinement. My baby died, and I have not been strong since, and am suffering still. The officers also asked me whether my husband had not been with me at the time of my capture? I knew why they asked, and as I always tell the truth, I told them that I had left him several days previous. The following questions were then answered by Mrs. CHAPERONA:

CORRESPONDENT.—Is it true that there is so much discontent among the Cubans and that they suffer so terribly?

Mrs. CHAPERONA—Yes and no; they suffer as a matter of course, and bickerings between some of the officers also take place, but masters on the whole are well organized; there is meat enough in the Camaguey to feed the Spaniards and Cubans for several years, and the Cubans have planted sweet potatoes and bananas everywhere throughout the mountains. Salt is abundant, and everybody is provided with it; the Spaniards occasionally destroy the salt works, but these are again put into operation the moment the troops leave.

CORRESPONDENT—Do the Cubans commit the barbarities on Spanish prisoners they are charged with by the Spaniards?

Mrs. CHAPERONA—No, sir; on the contrary, the prisoners are well treated, and only ill treated as a matter of retaliation. My husband's son, a young man of twenty-two, was executed simply because he was the son of CHAPERONA. Young CECAR held no rank in the army, and was only a private soldier.

CORRESPONDENT—Are the Cubans as determined now as they were?

Mrs. CHAPERONA—Yes, Sir, they are. Many of them will not give up under any circumstances. When I bade adieu to my husband, he told me: "If we triumph, we shall meet again on earth; if we fail, we shall meet in heaven."

CORRESPONDENT—Who are the most prominent military men in the Camaguey now?

Mrs. CHAPERONA—MANUEL ROJAS is Commander-in-Chief; IGNACIO AGRAMONTE commands a body of guerrillas, and BRAMBILA holds some very fine troops.

CORRESPONDENT—Does the paper money of the Republic circulate freely now?

Mrs. CHAPERONA—No, sir, not now; gold does, and if a person has plenty of it he can obtain almost everything, but the prices are fabulous. An ordinary dress-pattern worth about $8 costs $17, and so on in proportion.

The correspondent seeing that Mrs. CHAPERONA was fatigued, refrained from asking any more questions, and leaves the task to his New-York correspondent, to whom she felt more inclined to speak freely and with more leisure. The Captain-General gave her permission to leave for the United States and join her family, and she will leave this afternoon for New-York on the *City of Merida*.

PERSONAL.

Mr. W. J. STARKE, who has so creditably filled the position as *Herald* correspondent, leaves for the south today. Mr. STARKE will universally be esteemed here for his qualities as a gentleman.

QUASIMODO.

Meteorological Record.

The following is the Signal Service report of the state of the weather and wind last night, Monday, Jan. 16, at 11:47 o'clock:

Placed Observation.	Barometer corrected for Elevation and Temperature.	Thermometer.	Relative Humidity.	Direction of Wind.	Force of the Wind.	State of the Weather
Augusta, Ga.	30.17	52	76	N. E.	Gentle	Clear.
Baltimore	30.26	38	76	N. E.	Gentle	Cloudy.
Boston	30.24	28	76	N. W.	Brisk	Cloudy.
Buffalo	30.21	24	70	N. W.	Gentle	Cloudy.
Charleston	30.17	54	64	N. W.	Brisk	Fair.
Cheyenne, W. T.	29.19	8	56	W.	Very gentle	Clear.
Chicago	30.44	21	76	Calm.		Clear.
Cleveland	30.29	24	84	S. W.	Very gentle	Cloudy.
Detroit	30.32	22	84	N. W.	Gentle	Clear.
Key West	30.16	68	76	N. W.	Brisk	Fair.
Lake City	30.20	57	76	S. W.	Very gentle	Clear.
New-Orleans	30.21	62	84	N. E.	Gentle	Fair.
New-York	30.26	30	76	N. W.	Brisk	Clear.
Omaha, Neb.	30.14	6	76	W.	Brisk	Clear.
Oswego	30.19	28	76	N. W.	Gentle	Cloudy.
Philadelphia	30.10	40	76	N. W.	Brisk	Cloudy.
Rochester, N. Y.	30.28	26	76	N. W.	Brisk	Snow.
Savannah	30.21	47	76	W.	Brisk	Clear.
Toledo	30.40	21		Calm.		Clear.
Washington	30.18	38	76	N. W.	Brisk	Cloudy.
Wilmington, N. C.	30.19	52	76	N. W.	Very gentle	Clear.
New-London, Ct.	30.26	28	76	N. W.	Brisk	Clear.
Norfolk	30.14	36	76	N. W.	Brisk	Clear.

Barometer corrected for elevation and temperature.

SAN DOMINGO.

Secretary Fish's Reply to the Inquiries of Senator Sumner.

A Complete and Comprehensive History of the Island.

All the Government Documents Relating to It Made Public.

Efforts of Former Administrations to Obtain Samana.

Part Played by the Agents of the Government.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The following is Secretary FISH's letter accompanying the President's Message, transmitting the documents and correspondence relative to the San Domingo annexation question, called for by

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

SENATE...WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 16.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a communication from the Supervising Architect of the Capitol extension, asking that a place be assigned for the statue of the late President LINCOLN, executed by Miss VINNIE REAM. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, introduced a bill to regulate the taking of testimony in Courts of the United States, and prescribing fees to be charged for the same and necessary papers therein. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. RAMSEY, of Minnesota, from the Committee on Post-offices, reported with sundry amendments, the House bill revising, consolidating and amending the statutes relating to the Post-office Department.

On motion of Mr. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, the Committee on the District of Columbia was instructed to inquire and report upon a remedy for existing grievances caused by a deficient supply of Potomac River water in the City of Washington.

Mr. YATES, of Illinois, upon his own request, was excused from further service on the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

SUNKEN FOR RAIL-BUILDING.

Mr. CONKLING introduced a bill to aid in the construction of twenty or more first-class iron steam-ships, together with ship-yards, machine shops, rolling-mills, wharves, docks, etc., and to secure to the Government the use of the same for postal, naval and other purposes. It was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The bill proposes to incorporate W. H. Webb, Clarence H. Clark, John A. Griswold, John Roach, Paul W. Spofford, Henry Steers and others, under the name of the American Mail and Ocean Transportation Company, for the purpose above indicated, and promises that the Government of the United States shall have a lien on the first mortgage bonds of the Company to the amount of $30,000,000 in gold for thirty years, not becoming responsible, however, for the payment of the principal. In return, the Company's steam-ships are to carry the United States mails and Government agents free of charge.

PENSIONS.

Mr. HOWELL, from the Committee on Pensions, reported without amendment the House bill granting pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the war of 1812, and the widows of deceased soldiers and sailors. It provides for placing on the pension roll all surviving officers and enlisted men drafted or inducted into military or volunteers of the military or naval service of the United States, who served consecutively three months in the war of 1812, and who were honorably discharged; and also the widows of such soldiers and sailors.

Mr. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, from the Committee on Pensions, reported back with a pension claim, because the disabilities of the claimant had not been contracted in the line of a soldier's duty. Also, favorably, the House bill increasing the pensions of disabled soldiers, and of widows and children of deceased soldiers and sailors.

The House bill increasing the pensions of disabled soldiers and sailors and of the widows and children of deceased soldiers and sailors, as reported, with amendments from the Senate Committee on Pensions by Mr. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, reads as follows:

That from and after the passage of this act all officers, soldiers, and sailors of the land and naval forces, and of the militia, who are now, or may hereafter be, entitled to any of the same, granted, or hereafter to be granted, under the provisions of the several laws, also the same pension granted by special law in a manner and at the rate provided in the general law for similar cases, the rate of pension be hereby increased by the sum of twenty per centum thereof, to commence on the 1st day of March, 1871, provided that said increase of pension shall not exceed the rate of five years from said last-mentioned date.

SURVEY OF LAND-CLAIMS.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS, of Oregon, the Senate considered and passed the House bill to expedite the survey of private land claims.

Mr. WILLIAMS, in response to inquiries by Mr. HARLAN, of Iowa, explained that the bill was the result of considerable legal research, and it would expedite the settlement of boundaries of Spanish and Mexican land grants. Upon the importance of the measure to settlers of the United States in which land claims existed, he said owners of thousands of acres of land in California and the Territories were unable to obtain patents because there was no way of determining the boundaries of their lands. The bill would in a measure obviate this difficulty, from the jurisdiction of the Land Department and give them to the Courts of the country where the titles have been confirmed, the parties thereby being enabled to bring their witnesses and have the questions adjudicated more satisfactorily.

REMOVAL OF DISABILITIES.

On motion of Mr. LEWIS, the Senate resumed consideration of the House bill to remove political disabilities of some fifty citizens of Virginia.

The Vice-President stated the question to be upon Mr. TRUMBULL's amendment to extend general relief from all such disabilities excepting only former Congressional and military and naval officers of the United States who joined the rebellion, and members of the secession State Conventions.

Mr. HARLAN, of Iowa, moved to include among the exceptions Judges of the United States Courts who joined the rebellion.

Messrs. LEWIS, of Virginia, and WARNER, of Alabama, spoke in favor of Mr. TRUMBULL to withdraw his amendment, which the latter declined to do, remarking that he thought the time had come for Congress to act on the general subject.

Mr. ABBOTT, of North Carolina, hoped that the Senator (Mr. TRUMBULL) would not precipitate this question of general amnesty in the Senate at the time. There was nothing in the attitude of the South to justify the Government in taking such a long step. He was opposed to the amnesty movement for public reasons, mainly because a large portion of the people of the Southern States were now as bitterly hostile to the Government as ever.

Mr. TRUMBULL, of Illinois, stated, in support of his amendment, that, leaving out the last four exceptions would amount to more than 200 or 300.

Mr. SUMNER, of Nevada, spoke of the partial and unsatisfactory character of the legislation intended to meet individual cases, and the necessity of legislating by classes.

The morning hour expiring, Mr. LEWIS reiterated his appeal to Mr. TRUMBULL for a withdrawal of the amendment, as its adoption would operate to defeat the virtual object, by compelling them to return the bill to the House. It was a measure of great importance to the people of his State.

Mr. TRUMBULL replied by inquiring whether if the amendment prevailed it would not embrace every person named in the bill? It was certainly his intention, if he could refuse the personal appeals of the Senators, but he contended in his refusal as the most effective means of ending the practice of piecemeal legislation in removing disabilities. A general bill never could be had while special bills were allowed to go through. Referring to a suggestion by Mr. SUMNER, Mr. TRUMBULL intimated his willingness to withdraw the objection, if the Senate would agree not to pass any more special bills on the subject until definite action was taken upon a general bill.

Several Senators objected.

THE OHIO SOLDIERS' ASYLUMS.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, then demanded the regular order, which was the bill ceding certain jurisdiction to the State of Ohio. This bill was then taken up, and debated by Messrs. SHERMAN and THURMAN, the Senators from Ohio, for several hours.

The bill gives the State of Ohio jurisdiction and title over the property formerly held by the United States for national asylums for disabled soldiers.

Mr. SHERMAN explained that the bill was made necessary by the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Ohio, under which some three or four hundred soldiers in the asylum near Dayton, under the laws of the State, and otherwise eligible to vote, were disfranchised by the non-residents, because within the one mile square ceded by Ohio to the General Government, prepared to establishing the institution. He went on to show that the acceptance of this land by the General Government was upon a condition that no resident upon it, otherwise eligible, should by that change of jurisdiction, be deprived of his right to vote. He commented upon the judicial decision referred to as a shock to the feelings of every citizen of the State, and said there was a strong public sentiment in Ohio that the right to vote should be restored to these soldiers.

Mr. A. G. THURMAN, of Ohio, proceeded to show the justice and propriety of the decision which has been made by five Republican judges against the wishes of their party in the State. He reviewed the acts establishing the asylum, and argued upon the principle laid down by KENT, STORY, and other legal authorities, that being subject to the rules and articles of war, liable to trial by Court-martial, a citizen of Ohio who became an inmate of the asylum became divested of the burdens of citizenship, and as a consequence lost his right to vote while such an inmate. Could, Congress, under the circumstances, give him the right to vote?

Mr. SHERMAN remarked he would prefer the disbandment of the Asylums to disfranchisement of the country's defenders.

Mr. A. G. THURMAN contended the bill was unconstitutional in ceding to the State of Ohio the jurisdiction over this asylum, and the act of the Ohio Legislature in extending the franchise to the Orphans who were inmates thereof, was an excess of its legitimate authority.

A report of the Board of Managers, signed by Gen. BUTLER, as Chairman, was read at the request of Mr. THURMAN, showing how some of the inmates proposed their discharge as the time approached for the payment of their pensions, and that after drawing their pensions they run into excesses, becoming debauched and diseased, and finally street vagrants. Some of them filled the dead-houses in the temporary employ of foreigners, the latter appropriating the lion's share of the proceeds received by these soldiers as charity. Notwithstanding the migratory habits of these men, as shown by reports, it was now attempted to treat them as permanent residents of the State, and to permit the whole of them to vote, whether 1,500 or 10,000, because the managers could bring as many soldiers as they pleased to the asylum. In this way a general State election might be decided by these votes.

Mr. SHERMAN argued that the Supreme Court of Ohio had erred in assuming, as a matter of fact, that exclusive jurisdiction over the land covered by the Asylum grounds was ceded to the United States. He held that the land was the property, not of the United States, but of the soldiers, being held in trust for them by the Board of Managers.

Mr. THURMAN again spoke at length on the subject in support of his position.

Mr. BAYARD, Mr. WILLIAMS and Mr. CARPENTER spoke on the measure, and, without disposing of the bill, the Senate, at 4 o'clock, after an EXECUTIVE Session, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

PETITION OF TOBACCONISTS.

Mr. COX presented a petition of JOSEPH RAPHAEL and others, of New-York City, to relieve the tobacco interest from the repetitions of the tax on sales, &c.

THE HASTINGS-BROOKS CASE.

Mr. LAFLIN, of New-York, sent up to the Clerk's desk, and had read a memorial from HUGH J. HASTINGS denying that he ever made, signed or verified in any manner or form the alleged affidavit which Mr. BROOKS, of New-York, had presented and read in the House last Tuesday, and that he never knew that the same had been presented to be so made, signed and verified, nor did he say the same published in a public journal as an affidavit. That the fact of its origin and of its scurrilous character were well known to Mr. BROOKS; that the controversy between himself and Mr. BROOKS was a purely political, editorial and personal one; and, as such, not susceptible of the subject of investigation, discussion or adjudication by the House of Representatives, but properly belonged to a judicial forum, and asking the House so to hold and determine. He moved the reference of the memorial to the select Committee appointed on the subject, with instructions to make a preliminary report on the propriety of further continuing the investigation.

Mr. BROOKS, of New-York, in reference to political allusions in the memorial, declared that the Democratic Party had no greater, wilier advocate than Mr. HASTINGS. He had been employed for years in Albany and New-York to deprave, damage and destroy his own party—the Republican Party. Almost every New-York Republican member knew Mr. HASTINGS to be a spy for the betrayal of the secrets of the Republican Party to the Democratic Party, and that he was paid for being such spy. He (Mr. BROOKS) had stated in the Commercial Advertiser of the 12th of January, containing six columns of an advertisement of the New-York City Corporation. That paper received these advertisements, from the profits of which it received $24,000 or $30,000 a year. This was his (Mr. BROOKS') response to the sympathetic appeal of Mr. HASTINGS to the Republican side of the House. The affidavit which he had introduced to the House was an old acquaintance in New-York. When he was a member of the New-York Legislature, and previously when he was a correspondent at Albany, the existence of that paper was as well known as the existence of the sun in the skies, and never was denied. It had been reprinted from time to time in the *Independent* of New-York uncontradicted; it has reappeared in handbills when Mr. FENTON was elected to the Senate, and was not then denied. But, now that Mr. FENTON, the person libelled, was dead, and that his counsel, Mr. SHERMAN, was also dead, there was a denial of the affidavit. But that denial itself was only a technical denial. Mr. HASTINGS did not deny and could not deny that he had published the document, in his own newspaper, and by that publication alone obtained the exception of all the damages to which otherwise he would have been subjected. He (Mr. BROOKS) appealed to the House to proceed with the investigation, and to vindicate his character.

Mr. LAFLIN said that while he appreciated the value of private character, he could not forget the extraordinary circumstances under which the subject had been introduced in the House. Last Tuesday, the gentleman from New-York (Mr. BROOKS) had, on a question of privilege, and without notice, introduced to the House an affidavit which the gentleman knew had been publicly denied by the signer to it. That gentleman's desire to tarnish the reputation of the memorialist was so marked, that he (Mr. LAFLIN) had been an organ of the Democratic Party, publicly confessing that that party had been in the habit of bribing Republicans, and as proof of that referring to a corporation advertisement in the *Commercial Advertiser*. If he (Mr. LAFLIN) were correctly informed, that same advertisement appeared in the New-York Tribune, and in the Evening Post, and would any one pretend that HORACE GREELEY and WILLIAM C. BRYANT were by that pitiful advertisement lulled to betray the Republican Party? If not, why make such a charge against Mr. HASTINGS? He (Mr. LAFLIN) had had some acquaintance with New-York politics for the last twenty years, and knew Mr. HASTINGS' political record during that time; and this was the first time he had heard that Mr. HASTINGS was anything but a Whig and Republican. In 1854 Mr. HASTINGS was elected Clerk of the Whig Senate of New-York, against the opposition of Mr. ERASTUS BROOKS, who then brought up the same affidavit. But Mr. BROOKS was subsequently satisfied that he had done an injustice to Mr. HASTINGS, and made ample apologies therefor.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, of Illinois, moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

Mr. DAWES, of Massachusetts—What objection is there to having a preliminary report made on the subject?

Mr. RANDALL, of Pennsylvania, called for a division of the question.

The vote was taken as to whether instructions should be given to the Committee to make a preliminary report, and it was decided in the negative.

The memorial was then referred without instructions to the Select Committee.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Of the bills introduced and referred, the following are those of importance:

By Mr. PETERS, of Maine—Regulating removal of action from State to United States Courts.

By Mr. POLAND, of Vermont—To provide for taking the census by the Department of Interior.

By Mr. BUFFINTON, of Massachusetts—To enable the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company to move westward; and to confer certain jurisdiction on the Courts of the District of Columbia and Territories.

By Mr. STARKWEATHER, of Connecticut—Authorizing the appointment of Commissioners by the President to ascertain the damage done by the *Alabama* and other Confederate cruisers.

By Mr. SHELDON, of Louisiana—To authorize the removal of causes from the State Courts to the United States Courts in certain cases.

By Mr. MAYNARD, of Tennessee—Prescribing the mode of holding elections for President, Vice-President and members of Congress.

By Mr. TULLY, of Illinois—To extend the provisions of the homestead laws to the unappropriated land.

By Mr. CULLOM, of Illinois—Amendatory of the laws relating to the Courts of Utah Territory; also, disapproving certain acts of the Legislative Assembly of Montana.

By Mr. COOK, of Illinois—Prescribing the oath of office to be taken by persons who participated in the late rebellion, but who are not excluded from holding office by the Fourteenth Constitutional Amendment; also, to create a Railroad Bureau for the United States.

By Mr. HAWLEY, of Illinois—To repeal an act for the disposal of the surplus revenue to the State Courts; also, to provide for the withdrawal of the public lands from sale, and for the manner in which they may be disposed of under the Homestead and Preemption laws.

By Mr. HAY, of Illinois—To amend the first section of the act of the 20th of July, 1868, imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco.

By Mr. WALLACE, of South Carolina—For the erection of public buildings at Key West and Jacksonville, Fla.

By Mr. SARGENT, of California—Making a compensation of $5,000 to JOSEPH S. WILSON, Commissioner of Land Office, for collecting the scientific museum at the Land Office.

By Mr. ATHILL, of Tennessee—Relinquishing the interest of the United States in the Presidio property in California to the City and County of San Francisco for a public park.

MEMBERS FROM GEORGIA.

The credentials of W. P. PRICE, P. M. B. YOUNG, and MARION BENHUM, representatives elect from the State of Georgia, were presented, and no objection being made, these gentlemen were sworn in. W. J. P. LONG, member elect from the Fourth District of Georgia, also appeared and took the oath of office.

CONTESTED ELECTION CASE.

Mr. MCCRARY, of Iowa, from the Committee on Elections, made a report in the contested election case from the Sixth District of North Carolina, that SHOBER, the sitting member, is entitled to the seat, and that the contestant, NATHANIEL BOYDEN, should receive $1,000 for expenses.

NEW-YORK CUSTOM-HOUSE.

Mr. COX, of New-York, offered a resolution in relation to the New-York Custom-house. Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The resolution is as follows:

Whereas, The Secretary of the Treasury, under date of July 11, 1870, communicated to this House information in response to a resolution of June 27, 1870, in regard to New-York Custom-house matters; and

Whereas, In said communication the Secretary communicated two letters, dated 1st and 9th ult., requesting the restoration of the general order business to the bonded warehouses at Jersey City and Hoboken; and

Whereas, This request has not been complied with, greatly to the injury of commerce, notwithstanding the appeal made to the Collector by PHELPS, DODGE & Co., and many other merchants (among them) and

Whereas, The Secretary has repeated his request, and the old system continues in defiance of his reiterated requests; therefore

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to transmit all the correspondence since July 11, 1870, with his views as to the necessity of additional legislation to compel Collectors to comply with his orders.

THE NEW-YORK AND WASHINGTON RAILROAD.

The question of the Air Line Railroad bill between New-York and Washington, came up from last Monday, the question being whether the House would grant leave for its introduction. The question was decided in the affirmative—yeas 114, nays 26.

All the Democrats voted in the negative, together with the following named Republicans: Messrs. Benjamin, Buffinton, Butler of Massachusetts, Dawes, Hale, of Maine, Hill, Hooper, Kelley, of Pennsylvania, Kneham, of New-York, Laflin of New-York, Moore of Ohio, Myers, Negley, O'Neill, Packer of Pennsylvania, Poland, Smith of Vermont, Stevens of Ohio, Twitchell of Massachusetts, Van Wyck of New-York, and Washburn of Massachusetts.

Mr. BLEDSOE moved to reconsider the last vote.

Mr. KELSEY, of New-York, moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table. Agreed to—yeas 114, nays 73. So the bill was introduced, and the morning hour having expired, the bill went over till Monday next.

OCEAN TELEGRAPH LEGISLATION.

Mr. BAKER, of Massachusetts, moved to suspend the rules and pass a concurrent resolution, rescinding the resolution passed last Monday, which referred to a special committee the subject of ocean telegraph cable legislation. He represented that the resolution was passed hurriedly and without being understood by the House, which had already referred the subject to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. He went on to say that the subject involved appropriations to the amount of $20,000,000 or $30,000,000. One enterprise alone called for a subsidy of $10,000,000, and there were four or five others which would follow in the same wake. The subject had been considered for five months by the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and that Committee was ready to report.

Mr. STARKWEATHER, of Connecticut, who offered the resolution last Monday, opposed its being rescinded, and advocated the propriety of having the subject referred to a joint select committee, as no less than thirteen bills on the subject had been referred in the Senate and the House to the various district committees. He alluded to the fact that the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs had stated in the Senate that the Committee would not report at this session, thus leaving the whole business of ocean telegraphing in the hands of a monopoly that charges triple rates.

The question was further discussed by Messrs. Butler of Massachusetts, Garfield of Ohio, and Dawes of Massachusetts, against the resolutions offered by Mr. BANKS, and by Messrs. Judd of Illinois, Wood of New-York, and Meyers of Pennsylvania, in support of it.

Mr. WOOD said there was something suspicious in the mode and manner by which it was sought to accomplish indirectly and unfairly what could not be accomplished by the action of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. That Committee had reported a general bill, but was opposed to granting subsidies. That fact was at the bottom of these proceedings. He was informed that the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. BUTLER) was really the author of the resolution offered on Monday last by Mr. STARKWEATHER.

Mr. STARKWEATHER contradicted that statement, and said he had never consulted Mr. BUTLER in regard to it.

Mr. BUTLER also contradicted the statement.

Mr. DAWES said that, as an original proposition, he was in favor of placing the subject in the control of a joint special committee, and that he did not apprehend there was any need of subsidies being allowed.

Mr. WOOD, of New-York, argued in favor of leaving the subject with the Joint Special Committee. He would, therefore, vote against the rescinding of the resolution.

Mr. SWANN advocated the rescinding of the resolution and action by the House on the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. PETERS argued that the joint committees of the two Houses were inconsistent with the nature and character of general legislation, and if his colleague (Mr. DAWES) proposed that each House should act upon the subject separately and leave the reconciliation of differences to a committee of conference, it was clear that which would bring dishonor on the House.

Mr. DAWES—What is the matter with my colleague?

Mr. BANKS—I will tell my colleague what is the matter. I complain of the surprise practiced on the House, to which my colleague himself seems insensible, and I complain of the injustice done to my Committee, and I complain of the manner of legislation proposed by my colleague.

Mr. DAWES remarked that his colleague seemed intent on tearing a passion to tatters. His colleague had no right, in his indiscriminate bluster, to charge all this upon him. He was simply with being a party to any proposition or undertaking whatever beyond the discharge of his duty, according to the best of his judgment, without fear, favor or hope of reward. If his colleague thought to carry his measure by hurling charges against all who dared to oppose it, he had a right to pursue that course, but for himself (DAWES) that course had quite the opposite effect.

Mr. JUDD argued that legislation on the subject could be had quicker by leaving it in the hands of the Committee on Foreign Affairs than by sending it to a Joint special committee.

The motion of Mr. STARKWEATHER to suspend the rules and rescind the resolution of last Monday, was rejected—yeas, 102, nays, 62, not two-thirds voting in the affirmative.

Mr. BANKS thereupon asked leave to report now from the Committee on Foreign Affairs a bill on the subject of ocean telegraphs.

Mr. STARKWEATHER, of Connecticut—Let it be read.

Mr. BANKS moved to suspend the rules in order that such a bill might be reported now. The rules were suspended without division.

Mr. BANKS said he would not ask the House to consider the bill now.

Mr. STARKWEATHER, of Connecticut—We want it considered now. If the gentleman has a bill, let him report it.

Mr. WOOD, of New-York, thereupon, from the Committee of Foreign Affairs, reported the bill relating to telegraphic communication between the United States and foreign countries, and moved the previous question on its passage. The previous question was seconded, and the bill was passed without discussion or division. The following is the text:

That all communication established, or that may be established between the United States and any foreign country, by means of telegraphic or magnetic lines or cables, and any part thereof, in and over the waters, seas, island shore and lands within the jurisdiction of the United States, shall be subject to the following conditions, stipulations and regulations:

First—The Government of the United States shall be entitled to exercise and enjoy the same or similar privileges with regard to the control and use at any time of any such lines, as may be exercised and enjoyed, or shall be exercised and enjoyed by any foreign Government whatever.

Second—Citizens of the United States shall enjoy all the same privileges as to the transmission of dispatches and messages, and shall be entitled to the transmission of messages at rates equal to those enjoyed by the citizens of the most favored nations.

Third—The transmission of dispatches shall be made in the following order: First, messages of the State, under such regulations as may be agreed upon by the Governments interested; second, dispatches of telegraphic service; third, private dispatches.

Fourth—The public press shall at all times be kept open to the public for the daily transmission of market and commercial reports and intelligence, and messages, dispatches and communications shall be forwarded in the order in which they are received, except as hereinbefore provided.

Fifth—Before extending or establishing such line or cable in or over any waters, seas, islands, shores and lands, within the jurisdiction of the United States, a written acceptance of the terms and conditions proposed by this act shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State by the company, corporation or party proposing to establish telegraphic communication.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, subject to the foregoing conditions, stipulations and regulations, and subject to such rules as may hereafter be made by Congress to lay and maintain telegraphic cables from the shores of the United States, the consent of Congress is hereby given to the laying and maintaining of such lines or cables, and to lines or cables between the United States and foreign countries in and over the waters, seas, islands, shores and lands within the jurisdiction of the United States.

SEC. 3. That from and after the passage of this act no person or persons, or any company engaged in the transmission of news to foreign countries who shall, contrary to his duty, disclose, or in any way make known or intercept the contents of any message or any part thereof, and any person who shall injure or destroy any cable or other property of the company, or interfere with the working, repair or use of any cable, or aid or abet any person in doing the same, shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine not exceeding $5,000, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years; and the party injured thereby shall have a right to recover damages. It shall be the duty of the Attorney-General to prosecute all persons offending against any of the provisions of this act in any District Court of the United States.

The House then, at 4½ o'clock, adjourned.

NOTES FROM THE PEOPLE

A Painful Case of Poverty.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

A very painful instance of want and suffering has just come to our knowledge in the case of Rev. Mr. WALSH, a City Missionary, who preached in the Hall corner of Eighth-avenue and Eighteenth-street. It seems that he had formerly been connected with the Southern Branch of the Methodist Church and had separated from them on the question of slavery, and had joined the Wesleyans. He preached to the poor, and got a meagre living from the pennies contributed by his charge. He has gradually become poorer and poorer himself, but was too sensitive to apply to others for relief. His four children have had no change of garments this Winter, and he has not had money enough to buy an overcoat or underclothes for himself.

They have all had but little food. At length, cold and the want of food exhausted him, and on the bitter night of Thursday week he felt that he could not hold out, and bade farewell to his family. Though abandoned of men, he died with supreme trust in Christ, and believed he saw Him in the poverty-stricken room, and committed his fatherless little ones and widow to His care.

The case seems beyond belief that a minister of the Gospel could die of hunger and cold in this City, and yet those are the facts.

The poor sufferer no longer needs help, but his family can still be aided.

Any one calling at this office, can obtain the address of the widow.

C. L. BRACE, Secretary.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY,
No. 19 East Fourth-street,
NEW-YORK, Saturday, Jan. 14, 1871.

Card from Genio C. Scott.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I am much obliged for the advice to send complimentary notice of any member of the Ring to the *World*, but I cannot control its conversations any more than I could the turnings of the weathercock on St. Paul's. Having taken the TIMES from its infancy, and no other daily regularly but the *Herald*, I plead ignorance of the contents of any journal that ever squinted toward Copperheadism. Yours most truly,

No. 171 BROADWAY, Monday, Jan. 16, 1871.

GENIO C. SCOTT.

[Our correspondent is a good man, and we freely forgive him for never reading the *World*. Let him continue in his present course, and his life will be happy and his memory respected.]

THE LOSS OF THE SAGINAW.

Particulars of the Disaster in the Pacific—Sufferings of Some of the Crew in an Open Boat for Thirty Days—Only One of Them Saved.

By a passenger from Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, who arrived at San Francisco on the 7th inst. by the steamer *Moses Taylor*, the San Francisco *Alta* was furnished the following detailed account of the loss of the United States steamer *Saginaw*:

"News reached Honolulu on the 24th of December of the total loss, on the 20th of October last, of the United States ship of war *Saginaw*, on that desolate sand-bank called Ocean Island, situated 1,200 miles north northwest from Honolulu, and about midway between San Francisco and Yokohama. The intelligence was conveyed to the Hawaiian Islands on board the Captain's gig, which had been detached from the scene of the wreck, and on board of which were Lieut. TALBOT, PETER FRANCIS, JOHN ANDREWS, JAMES MUIR and WILLIAM HALFORD, all of whom nobly volunteered to attempt to reach Honolulu. After a lengthy voyage of over thirty days, during which much rough weather and many severe hardships were encountered, the boat struck on a reef opposite Halimilai Bay, on the Island of Kauai, in the Hawaiian group, on the 19th of December last.

STATEMENT OF THE SURVIVOR.

The heartrending scene that then occurred cannot be better described than in the simple statement of WILLIAM HALFORD, sole survivor of the boat's crew, as made before H. A. PIERCE, Esq., United States Minister Resident at Honolulu:

Sailed from Midway Island at 5 P. M. Oct. 20; vessel met good weather, but cloudy and dark; speed two and a half to three knots an hour; then hauled ½ topsail and lib set, running with fair wind; Captain Jno. Cole was on deck; I was sitting down aft, when the vessel struck; officer of deck, Mr. GAST, (who relieved COLES,) had just informed Captain of breakers ahead; Captain ordered topsails to be lowered; just at that moment vessel struck; topsails were ordered to be furled; crew paralyzed with fear, and the orders were not obeyed; hurt that breaking over vessel and hove her higher up; all hands put to work to get boats and save provisions and other things, (worked all day carrying things to the shore); at break of day saw a sand island about one and half to two miles off; removed two very sick men ashore, and four or five others slightly; at From time of wreck, nearly three weeks, all hands employed getting up tents, saving provisions and rigging, making fresh water with apparatus, and decking over and preparing Captain's gig to go to Honolulu; the launch was built at time vessel struck; the former was 24 feet, about ten inches midships, tapering forward and aft, and a wooden deck was placed over all, with places for men to row, with movable hatches; volunteers were called to go in the gig to Honolulu; Lieut. TALBOT, PETER FRANCIS, Jr. Master, belonging to Manila, and JOHN ANDREWS, seaman, of Boston, and JAMES MUIR, seaman, of Glasgow, Scotland, and WILLIAM HALFORD, (myself,) cockswain of Captain's gig, volunteered to go in the boat to Honolulu. There was put into the boat ten breakers of water, five days' rations of bread, in a tin case, sealed; tea do. in a black canvass bag, which was most by leaked on the passage; about two dozen small fine preserved meats; five two (five pounds each) desiccated potatoes, to which we attribute being saved from starvation; two tins cooked beans, could not be used, causing dysentery; three tins boiled wheat, do.; one ham, eight or ten pounds; six tins preserved oysters; lost pounds dried beef; one dozen tins Lima beans and peas; four or five pounds butter; one gallon molasses in keg leaked out; twelve pounds white sugar also lost by wet; four pounds tea; four or five pounds coffee, both spoiled. The boat was furnished with a small tin cooking apparatus, by boiling with oil and wick.

FRIGHTFUL SUFFERING.

Five days out, lost all light and fire, and no means of making either—no dry tinder or even but had flint and steel. About five or six days before making Kauai we succeeded in getting a light with the glasses taken from an opera-glass. Suffered much from wet, cold and want of food. When we left Ocean Island, Nov. 18, at noon, we run to the north for latitude 32°; there took the westerly winds and run due south for latitude Kauai, as Mr. TALBOT supposed, but is proved, ultimately, we were not near that longitude by over a degree. We then stood south. Had heavy weather while running eastward; hove to with sea anchor twice—last time lost it. Made another drag with three oars, which were soon lost. Then made another drag with two oars, with square sail by crossing them. That lasted for three turns of bad weather; the last time it broke adrift and all was lost of it. Mr. TALBOT was ill for seven or eight days with diarrhœa; got better, but still suffered from fatigue and hardship. He was somewhat cheerful the whole passage. MUIR and ANDREWS were sick two or three weeks. FRANCIS was always well. The deck was leaky. The boat was furnished chronometer, compasses, sextant, opera-glass, charts, Bowditch's Almanac, barometer. Did not make land so soon by a week as we expected. The first land we saw was Kauai huelaua Rock, near Nihau Island, on Friday morning, 18th December. We stood north by east (Nihau Island in sight, but to windward) all day Friday; during that night and Saturday we stood north-east by north; on Saturday night headed east third south south-east.

LAND IS SEEN.

Sunday morning, wind allowed us to head south-east. Saw Kauai, great distance off, Saturday night. Sunday night we were off Hanalei Bay; then hove to, head to north-west, wind having hauled that night to westward. We lay to this until 11 P. M., my watch on deck; called Mr. TALBOT; told him night was clear. I could see the entrance to Hanalei Harbor. He ordered boat to be hove away, and steered for entrance; got boat in, when it clouded up and became dark; hove to again to the north-west. At 1 A. M. called my relief, ANDREWS and FRANCIS came on deck, also Mr. TALBOT. After I went below, boat was again kept away for a short time, when she again hove to, it being dark. At a little past 4 A. M. on Monday, Dec. 19, she was kept away for the third time. I remained below until I felt the boat was getting into shoal water. I woke MUIR, and told him it was time we went on deck. He did not go, but I did. Just as I got in cockpit a sea broke aboard, shock. Mr. TALBOT failed to bring boat by wind. I hauled aft main sheet. FRANCIS was at helm, and brought vessel up to wind.

A DISASTROUS TERMINATION.

Just then another breaker broke on board and capsized the boat. ANDREWS and FRANCIS were washed away, and were never seen afterward. MUIR was still below, and did not get clear until the boat was righted, when he gave symptoms of insanity. Before the boat was righted by the sea Mr. TALBOT was clinging to the bilge of the boat. I called to him to get to the stern of the boat, and there get up on the bottom. While attempting to do so he was washed off, when he sank. He was heavily clothed and much exhausted. He made no cry. I succeeded in getting on to the bottom, when I stripped myself of my clothing. Then a sea came and righted the boat. It was then that MUIR put his head up the cockpit, when I assisted him in getting on deck. Soon after another breaker came and upset her again, she going over twice. Last time came upright and head on to the breakers. We then found her to be inside of the large breakers. We then drifted toward the shore, at a place called Kalihi Bay, about five miles from Hanalei. Handed with the water breast-high, and took with me a tin case of dispatches and letters. There was a tin box on board, with its cover broken, containing navigation books, charts, &c., also Capt. SIGSBEE's instructions to Lieut. TALBOT, and other papers, among which were MUIR's and ANDREWS' discharge papers, they having shipped Nov. 18 for one month; they belonged to the contractors, as their employes previous to that time; also my and FRANCIS' transfer papers, and all accounts obtained for Mare Island Navy-yard. The above-named box, with everything not lashed, fell into the water when we were first upset. I landed at about 8 A. M., and saw no one until daybreak, when, seeing some huts, I went to them and got assistance to get the boat into beach. I had previously, by making five trips to the boat, succeeded in bringing ashore the long tin case above mentioned—chronometer, opera-glass, barometer, one ship's compass, boat's binnacle and compass, and also assisted MUIR to the shore. He was still insane, and said but little, incoherently. He grubbed a good deal. I was much exhausted, and laid myself down to rest until early. PETER and I went over on horseback to Hanalei, to Sheriff WILCOX and to Mr. BURT. Then rise, when I looked for MUIR and found him gone from the place I left him in. Soon after, I found him surrounded by several natives, but he was dead and very black in the face. During the day I got some food and clothing from the natives—one called PETER—and after resting we returned with the Sheriff and Coroner to Kalihi Kai, where an inquest was held over the bodies of Lieut. TALBOT and Mr. MUIR, the former having drifted ashore just before I left Kalihi Kai for Hanalei. Mr. TALBOT's forehead was bruised and quite black, apparently from having struck the boat or wrecked stuff.

FUNERAL SERVICES.

After the inquest was completed, the two bodies were taken to Hanalei, put into coffins, and buried the following day in one grave, at a place where a seaman belonging to the United States steam-ship *Lackawanna* was buried in 1867. Funeral services were performed by Mr. KENNY, by reading the Episcopal burial service, and two Misses JOHNSON, daughters of an American missionary, singing. Before I left Hawaii for Honolulu, it was reported by a half white, who had been left to watch the shore at Kalihi Kai, that ANDREWS' body had also come ashore, and was taken care of. Capt. DUPONT, of the schooner *Wainona*, offered to bring me direct to Honolulu, leaving his return freight at Waimea for another trip. I accepted the same through Mr. BERT, and we sailed for Honolulu on the evening of Tuesday, the 20th of December, and arrived at Honolulu at 11 A. M., Dec. 24, bringing with me the effects saved as aforementioned. Went on landing, immediately to the United States Consul's office, where I saw him and the Hawaiian Minister, and all say every thing is done.

THE SURVIVORS (Continued).

The following are the names of the wrecked officers: Capt. Montgomery Sicard; Lieut. Talbot; Ensigns Cogswell, Gast and Parsons; Paymaster Reid; Dr. Frank; Engineers, Bittenworth, Ryan, Main, Force and Godfrey; Robertson; master's mate, and Blythe, Assistant Engineer to the contractors. The crew of the *Saginaw* numbered sixty-four men, and there were also on board fifteen men who had been in the employ of the contractors for the works at Midway Island. The *Saginaw* was engaged in assisting the contractors for the proposed harbor at Midway Island, at which it was hoped the China steamers would be enabled to make a coaling station. It is understood that Capt. SICARD and his officers agree in the opinion that it is utterly impracticable to make an available harbor at the island mentioned.

RELIEF SENT.

Immediately upon HALFORD's arrival at Honolulu action was taken by our Minister, H. A. PIERCE, Esq., and by American residents generally, to send relief to the unfortunate men at Ocean Island. Within eight hours after the desirable news became known, a fast-sailing packet was under way with food, medicine, and all other comforts on board that the utmost forethought could suggest. This was accomplished, it was then thought, undesirable that the lives of so many should remain dependent upon the uncertain progress of a sailing vessel, accordingly the Hawaiian Government chartered, at an expense of $1,000, the steamer, the *Kilauea*. This was at once transformed into a hospital, and with all possible dispatch she, too, was under way with the necessary comforts on board. The packet sailed cautiously, but the His Excellency F. HASCHMANN, Minister of the Interior of Hawaii, for the prompt action he took in this matter. It may be safely hoped and believed that by this time the unfortunate men have been rescued, and that they are now on their way to Honolulu. As the *Moses Taylor* was leaving, the United States ship-of-war *Nyack* entered Honolulu from Callao. Upon learning the sad news, her commander at once determined to remain until the arrival of the *Kilauea*, in order to bring on his unfortunate comrades to San Francisco. The *Nyack* arrived in perfect condition, and would require several days for repairs, before being fit to put to sea, or she also would have proceeded to Ocean Island. The *Kilauea* left on the 6th of December, and would reach the wreck about the 24 of January. All being well she would arrive at Honolulu on her return voyage about the middle of February. Capt. SICARD having heard that a portion of a wreck had been seen on Ocean Island, determined that it was his duty to ascertain the truth prior to finally leaving the station. He was thus engaged in an act of humanity when he met with the disaster which has cost him so much hardship, if not his life."

A Live Parson is Worth More than a Dead Actor.

By Mark Twain, in the Galaxy for February.

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THE FENIAN OVATION.

The Released Prisoners Expected Today or To-Morrow.

The Fenians lately released by the British Government are expected to arrive on the steamer *Cuba*, which vessel will, in all probability, be here to-night or to-morrow morning. As soon as the vessel is signaled at Sandy Hook the Keeper of the City Hall will hoist the Star bearing the City arms on the flag-pole of the hall nearest to Broadway.

There seems to be some apprehension that the programme for the reception of these "exiles and patriots" may be somewhat changed by the intervention of the United States authorities. In fact the United States Marshal may arrest them as soon as they are within his jurisdiction for breach of the Neutrality laws. Should this be done, it is probable that the arrests will be made while the *Cuba* is in the Lower Bay.

Action of the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen—An Official Reception to Take Place in Brooklyn—An Attempt to Have $1,000 Appropriated for the Demonstration Voted Down.

The Brooklyn Board of Aldermen met in stated session yesterday, and in the presence of a large number of Irish spectators consumed the entire afternoon in discussing the propriety of giving a public reception to the released Fenians when they arrive in this country. The matter was brought to the notice of the Board by a communication from Hon. WILLIAM E. ROBINSON, which was placed on file. Alderman CLANCY then offered for adoption the following rather ambiguous preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, It is expected that there will soon arrive in the City of New-York, O'DONOVAN ROSSA and his companions, distinguished for their services and sufferings for the cause of freedom in Ireland; and

WHEREAS, It is but proper that the citizens of Brooklyn, regardless of what they do to be as large as extent with the great one with which these gentlemen are identified, should have an opportunity of tendering to them such a reception as will evince their indignant abhorrence to which its tyrannical and despotic laws had condemned them, and a welcome to the land of the free; therefore

Resolved, That it be referred to a Committee of seven to invite to the City of Brooklyn, and arrange for a proposed public reception thereon of the Irish released prisoners, soon to arrive in this country, at an expense not to exceed $1,000, which amount is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

Alderman CUNNINGHAM objected to the resolution on the ground that, however much the Board might sympathize with the patriots in question, they had no authority to spend any money on them in the name of the City. He therefore hoped the matter would be left entirely to the citizens.

Alderman CLANCY referred to the fact that it was scarcely six months since the Board found it convenient to appropriate $500 for the purchase of a set of Alderman colors for an English ship, and concerned himself in opinion that it would be quite as proper to spend $1,000 in the name of the people for the public reception of men who had suffered so much for the cause of freedom.

Alderman McGOUGHEY moved to amend by striking out the $1,000, and over all his reasons for so doing his belief that the Mayor would veto the resolution if passed, and, secondly, that the Board had no earthly right to spend the City finances in receiving Fenians or any other class of patriots. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 14 to 7.

Alderman CLANCEY then moved to amend by inserting $500 where the $1,000 had been.

Alderman BERGEN objected, and read a section of the charter showing that any Alderman who voted to make expenditure by or against the City when no money shall have been raised in the budget for such purpose shall be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, and contended that whoever voted for CLANCEY's resolution would be guilty of the crime referred to in the charter.

Alderman CLANCEY declared himself pleased with the disposition shown by Mr. BERGEN to live up to the provisions of the charter, but hoped that the precision would not be forgotten for if it should, not only Mr. BERGEN, but every Alderman in the Board would be placed in jail. The members of the Board, said he, have voted fifty times to appropriate money for things not provided for in the budget. There was no money for the Orange Parade, and yet the objecting Alderman found it consistent with their duties to appropriate it.

Alderman BERGEN said he had no objection to Mr. CLANCEY's bringing any resolution he chose in the Board, or making any number of buncombe speeches in support of them, but he would advise the gentleman to read the charter, and learn more fully what his duties as an Alderman were before he undertook to insult gentlemen who found it incompatible with their duties to vote for his absurd propositions.

Alderman CLANCEY replied, saying, in conclusion, that he would remember the declaration of Mr. BERGEN.

The $500 amendment was voted down, and the resolution passed, merely giving the Committee power to extend an invitation to the Fenians to visit the city.

A resolution was passed appropriating money for the usual badges for the new members of the Board worth $72 each.

The Board then adjourned.

Custom-House Affairs.

The Congressional Committee, charged with the examination of the General Order business, have returned to Washington, and will not resume their sessions until the end of this week. The tariff of 1866 imposed penalties amounting to confiscation upon importers who should bring into port brandies or other liquors in quantities less than thirty gallons. This was contrary to law, prohibiting the importation of liquors by less than one hundred gallons, but the difficulty by causing to strong forces the liquors brought by the case, which were made up to cover the quantity required by law. The tariff of 1870 modifies this materially. Now importers are permitted to bring cases containing dozen bottles each, and brandies and other liquors in casks of not less than fourteen gallons.

Michael Angelo—Lecture by Prof. John Lord at Association Hall.

Prof. JOHN LORD delivered the third of a course of lectures at Association Hall, yesterday morning, on MICHAEL ANGELO, before a large and interesting audience. The lecturer graphically sketched the life and actions of the great sculptor; his early struggles, his disappointments, the failure to appreciate his genius, dwelling at length on the merits of his great works, which gained for him a name the world will never see equaled. He was not merely a sculptor but an engineer, an architect, painter and poet. His genius soared altogether above the level of ordinary mortals; his world was full of glorious and exciting ideas, and the most vivid description could convey no idea of the magnificence and beauty of his productions. He was who revived the glory of the ancient Italian Art, raising it to a higher condition of perfection than it ever before attained. His work for his models the works of the great masters of antiquity; he infused into them a spirit conformable to Christian ideas, and the result was the production of those great works which ever have and ever will continue to excite unanimous admiration, reminding us of the Divine hand. It was not very satisfactory to reflect that in many instances the great minds of the world were thwarted in their greatest endeavors, their motives misconstrued, and frequently they themselves were compelled to eke out a miserable existence in mortification and shame. ANGELO, indeed, tasted the cup of bitterness. He was schooled in sorrow and disappointment as well as prosperity, leading a checkered life, to experience only ingratitude and neglect. The speaker bitterly denounced the spirit which prompted such ingratitude, and concluded an eloquent lecture by a reference to the universal commendations which ANGELO's works always evoked.

The Discipline Department of the Women's Institute—Another Chance for the Working Women.

A TIMES reporter was recently received at the rooms appropriated as set forth above, at No. 469 Sixth-avenue, and instructed as to the designs and operations so far of the work.

Patients were invited for the first time on the morning of Dec. 26, and already some fifteen to twenty have presented themselves as candidates for the advantages offered. The class for whom this benevolence was instituted is composed of females who are laboring on small wages—clerks, seamstresses, artists, the female relatives of impecunious professional men, and, in short, females reduced in circumstances through one and another stroke of adverse fortune. It is one of the fundamental rules of the establishment that no fee shall be received from any patient whatsoever. Those who are pecuniarily able may pay for their medicines, but to such as are not, even these are given gratuitously. Deserving indeed may be made by patients, at their pleasure, as by persons outside, but there is nothing exacted or expected. Apropos, the founders of this laudable enterprise especially appeal to their own sex for material aid, for cooperation and sympathy to carry on their work. They say, "when it is realized that the beneficiaries are women like unto themselves, delicate, sensitive and refined in their natures, possessing the same instincts, and the same desire to preserve intact the sacredness of the natural modesty and self-respect that is at once the safeguard and glory of womanhood; surely every wife, mother, sister and daughter in this great City should feel it a blessed privilege to extend a helping hand in this endeavor to make relief at the hands of women, without money and without price, available to all. They truly, no doubt, urge that every year sees numbers of valuable lives lost through lack of the very opportunities now being inaugurated—"lives that should represent the girlhood, wifehood, motherhood of the country, lost to it in too many instances because the necessary medicinal agents could not be made available, from one or another cause; not the least frequently occurring, a natural hesitancy to seek relief at the hands of male physicians."

In addition to the Board of Physicians and Surgeons giving their services to the institution, a Dental Department is added, and the Eye and Ear Departments are respectively filled by well-skilled oculists and aurists. The Board numbers the names of Dr. Anna Densmore, Dr. Sarah A. Cone, Dr. Mary E. Greene, Dr. Willard Parker, Dr. D. B. St. John Roosa, Dr. Wm. A. Hammond, Dr. T. Gaillard Thomas, Dr. Frederick R. Lente, Dr. O. D. Pomeroy, and others. Rev. Thos. GALLAUDET, Rector of St. Ann's Church, and Rev. G. J. MISCHE, of the City Mission, are among the advisers and directors. Clergymen of all denominations, principals of schools, employers of women, and others interested, are furnished with cards admitting beneficiaries to the Dispensary.

Saengerfest Preparations.

The Fest Committee for the twelfth general Saengerfest, composed of delegations of the Saengerbund societies, under whose auspices the approaching Saengerfest will be given, were in session at the Germania Assembly Rooms yesterday, for the purpose of organizing the various sub-committees. The Invitation Committee is composed of Messrs. Reichelt, Kaemmerer, Theo. Hertwig, E. Schuberth and O. Heinsmann. The Committee to procure quarters for the visitors is composed of Messrs. Delhert, Hess, Kettz, Schaefer and Vogel. The Saengerbund will pay the expenses for quartering the visiting singers, which are estimated at $10,000. Messrs. Schuberth, Oestreich and Finnigan, with the three musical directors, Messrs. Bergmann, Paur and Kreissig, constitute the Music Committee. The Publication Committee is composed of Messrs. Leavy, Mathold and Oestreich. The formation of the Finance Committee was deferred until a future meeting. The other committees are as follows: Committee on Decorations—Messrs. Hertwig, Delhert and Vogel. Committee on Buildings and Places—Messrs. Gasse, Schneider, Romand, Mattenstein, Hetzel and Haberz. Refreshment Committee—Messrs. Arnold, Bieber, Feltz and Kappel. Reception Committee—Messrs. Kleinhans, Loeber and Woll. The formation of the Baggage Committee was postponed.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Held by Barnard, P. J., and Sutherland and Cardozo, JJ.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Nos.		Nos.	
132	Sharkey vs. Kelly.	167	Graham vs. Linden.
135	Same vs. Same.	168	Schenck vs. Levy.
136	Adler vs. Doherty.	170	Burke vs. Isham.
139	Winch vs. The Mayor, &c.	171	Stiner vs. Stiner.
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140	Hancock vs. Gomez.	173	Kissam vs. Durkee.
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143	Same vs. Same.	176	Pope vs. Bank of Al.
144	Ex parte Receivers vs. Dishrow.	177	Cosgrove vs. Ogden.
154	Golden vs. Bayley.	179	Carow vs. Kelly, Sheriff.
155	McIntosh vs. Fetman.	180	Sarger vs. Devlin.
156	Thomas vs. Buchman Bank.	181	Merritt vs. Briggs.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Part I.—Held by Brady, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos.		Nos.	
——	Hatch vs. Prospect.	32	The Security Ins. Co. vs. Schultz.
220	East R.Y. and Jamaica R. R. Co. vs. Elmore.	64	Wilson vs. McGuan.
71	Hardenburg vs. Whitney.	266	Crow vs. Hoboken Land and Improvement Co.
220	Bailey vs. H. Co. Cole.	268	Sprinkle vs. Kurzen.
278	Crowley vs. Smith.		Ensebe.
41	Shed vs. Montgomery.	198	Falkland vs. St. Michael's Church.
5	Sherman vs. Shepherd.	238	Hanna vs. Rockwell.
1	Gray vs. Wood.	241	Stanley Rule Co. vs. N. Y. Steam-boat Co.
1	Plumer vs. Starr.	278	Goetberg vs. N. A. Fire Ins. Co.
13	Andrews vs. Dyewood.	24	Steadman vs. West. Trans. Co.
24	Parkman vs. Tucka.		

Part II.—Held by Van Brunt, J.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Nos.		Nos.	
1024	Carter vs. Ross.	1	Pullman vs. Cuddy.
1024	Zimmerman vs. Schoenfeld.		Bpp.
240	Wright vs. N. American S. S. Co.	171	Barters vs. Moon.
238	Wright vs. Hobrook.	238	Bernhard vs. Solomon.
238	Shield vs. Cumberland and Penn. Coal Co.	265	Brodie vs. Andrews.
237	Stokes vs. Johnson.	970½	Ryder vs. Commonwealth Ins. Co.
244	Wright vs. Lyons.	72	McMillan vs. Knox.
1765	McKnight vs. Devlin.	244	Hinck vs. Kelly, Sheriff, &c.
14	French vs. Dingman.	192	Wright vs. Sherman.
		62	Buckley vs. Johnson.
		97	Bury vs. Merrill.
		204	Beckin vs. Ellis.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Sutherland, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.—Calendar called at 12 M.

Nos.		Nos.	
37	Waddy vs. Kron.	38	In re Jones.
40	In the matter of Wolfe vs. Thomas.	35	Jones vs. Cruson.

The call commences at No. 42—Mack vs. Coles.

SUPREME COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Part I.—Held by McCunn, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos.		Nos.	
1172	Fish vs. Skidmore.	487	Tuckerman vs. O'Brien.
1	Railroad vs. Miles vs. Graham.	168	Story vs. O'Brien.
1043	Loftus vs. Novelty Works.	378	Solomon vs. Helmsley.
97	Carroll vs. Casey.	449	Alsop vs. Vanderbeck.
407	Myrtle vs. Thirteenth Railway.	182	Cole vs. Jones.
476	Scott vs. Finnigan.	122	Gawtry vs. Becker.
72	Goodrich vs. Horse Shoe Co. vs. Grocers' Ins. Co.	252	Payson vs. O'Brien.
271	Wright vs. Sherwood.	252	Payson vs. Pell.
1025	Gedney vs. Beman.	28	Stevens vs. N. Y. Navigation Co.
407	Scallon vs. Cornwell.	420	Colbert vs. Home Life Ins. Co.
1041	Glogonowski vs. Bernstein.		

Part II.—Held by Gross, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos.		Nos.	
1070	Scholerman vs. Londsberger.	1272	Hall vs. Wise.
1440	Gambrens vs. Lessing.	1	Same vs. Same.
1070	Phelps vs. Johnston.	1261	Hoffman vs. Mosler.
1725	O'Hara vs. Torpey.	1262	Condict vs. Gregg.
1015	Gallup vs. Cornell.	1262	Koehler vs. Kelly.
1015	Gedney vs. Beman.	1262	Anderson vs. Ashcroft.
1041	Glogonowski vs. Bernstein.	1262	Whitehouse vs. McConnie.
		1267	Price vs. Solomon.

Part III.—Held by Cardozo, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.

Nos.		Nos.	
1	McBride vs. Cornell.	1422	Same vs. Same.
1740	Baymer vs. Bernson.	1734	Same vs. Same.
1740	Harrington vs. Bernson.	1422	McKenzie vs. Devlin.
1402	Wardell vs. Carcasse.	1702	Motz vs. Decker.
1028	Field vs. Conlier.	1734½	Dorr vs. Rabb.
1415	Chichester vs. Western Union Tel. Co.	1510	Byers vs. Pepper.
		1024	Overton vs. Howe.
		48	Netter vs. Wale.

KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Nos.		Nos.	
122	Gregory vs. Drake.	72	Wade vs. O'Connell.
52	Weaver vs. Holmes.	74	Shaw vs. Same.
66	Walter vs. White.	76	Bigley vs. Tobias.
111	Reid vs. Hayward.	84	McAuley vs. Harding.
118	De Costa vs. Pasley.	94	Young vs. Waddy.
119	Weaver vs. Hayward.	125	Mooney vs. J. Fox, Jr.
123	Whitbeck vs. Morgan.	126	Worle vs. Dowge.
2	Whitney vs. Johnson.	152	Ralph vs. Pearl.
3	Cushney vs. Sawyer.	154	Stevens vs. Thomas.
32	Hammer vs. Meyer.	156	Hoar vs. Blackwell.
33	Blydenburgh vs. Smith.	157	Brockas vs. Bentley.
48	Hirsch vs. Lewis.	158	Burr vs. Thomas.
51	Finch vs. Phillips.	159	Same vs. Same.
72	Snydam vs. Dodge.	160	Adams vs. Thomas.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—JAN. 16.

By Judge Sutherland.

In re the application of Maynard; referee's report confirmed.

Stone vs. Sigerson; motion denied with $10 costs to plaintiff, to abide the event.

Solms vs. Pickering; motion granted without costs.

Wright vs. Wright; see memorandum.

Kellogg vs. Cutler; motion denied with $10 costs to plaintiff, to abide the event.

The Same vs. The Same; same decision.

National Broadway Bank vs. Smith; motion granted without costs.

Mildeberger vs. Kellers; report of referee confirmed; Decree made and extra allowance specified and ordered.

American Bureau of Mines vs. Weed; motion granted on payment of $10 costs of opposing.

Powell vs. Fenner; motion granted on payment of defendant's costs, to be taxed by the clerk, and $10 costs of opposing.

Laparil vs. Laparil; motion denied without costs.

By Judge Ingraham.

Pistor vs. Rachel; motion granted.

Drake vs. Rogers; case settled.

The Mechanics' Banking Association vs. The Mariposa Company; judgment for the plaintiffs. See decision.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—JAN. 16.

By Chief-Justice Barbour.

Aggs vs. Funke; order granted.

Myers vs. Hanford; Same vs. Same; causes referred.

Whitman vs. O'Brien; Raynor vs. Gardner; Gerken vs. Robinson; Simmons vs. Cooper; orders granted.

COMMON PLEAS—GENERAL TERM.

By Chief-Justice Daly and Judges Loew and Robinson.

Hughes vs. The Mutual Insurance Company; appeal dismissed. Opinion by Judge LOEW.

McGhee vs. Matthews; judgment reversed unless the plaintiff stipulates to reduce the same, in which case it is affirmed. Opinion by Judge VAN BRUNT.

Green vs. Greer; judgment affirmed. Opinion by Judge VAN BRUNT.

Geuson vs. Wendt; judgment affirmed. Opinion by Judge VAN BRUNT.

Murray vs. Walker; leave to go to the Court of Appeals denied.

Henderson vs. Spofford; judgment affirmed. Opinion by Judge ROBINSON.

Miner vs. Somerville; judgment reversed. Opinion by Judge VAN BRUNT.

Gerard vs. Rhoads; judgment reversed. Opinion by Judge VAN BRUNT.

Ripley vs. Cochran; judgment affirmed. Opinion by Judge JOSEPH F. DALY.

Murray vs. The Bull's Head Bank; judgment affirmed. Opinion by Judge ROBINSON.

The Court adjourned to Feb. 3, when further decisions will be rendered.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—SOUTHERN DISTRICT—JAN. 16.

Before Judge Blatchford.

QUESTION AS TO BANKRUPTCY PRACTICE—IRREGULARITY IN AN APPEAL IN EQUITY.

Edward Benjamin vs. Julius Hart.—This was a bankruptcy case on appeal in equity. A final decree was given in favor of Benjamin. The defendant, within six days after the entry of the decree, gave notice to the Clerk of this Court, and to the plaintiff, as required by section 8 of the bankruptcy act, that he claimed an appeal to the Circuit Court from the decree of this Court. The defendant did not, at the time or claiming such an appeal, however, give or file any bond or security on appeal to the Court. This section provides that no appeal shall be allowed "unless the appellant, at the time of claiming the same, shall give a bond in the manner now required by law in cases of such appeal, nor unless the appeal should be claimed and notice thereof be given to the Clerk within ten days after the entry of the decree appealed from." The defendant neither gave nor filed any bond within the ten days. Judge BLATCHFORD, on rendering his decision, yesterday, held that the appeal from the District Court should be heard, with the title of the District Court. The title used in the printed form in this case is one which should be made on appeal from the Circuit Court to the Supreme Court. The stay on the execution of the bond cannot be given.

C. H. Woodbury for the plaintiff; C. T. Whittemore for the defendant.

COLLISION—ACTION FOR DAMAGES.

Leavitt vs. Jewett.—The libelant is the owner of the schooner *Franconia*. On the evening of the 21st of October last, a collision occurred between his vessel and the steamer *Ledowa*, which was bound from this port for Newbern, on the Neuse. The libelant claims that the steamer only had one light on board, which was hung from her mast-head; that she did not show any green or red light, and that she was not provided with a proper lookout. The claimant alleges in general terms that the fault of the collision rests with the schooner. The libel in rem is for the recovery of about $1,200 damages.

Mr. Robert D. Benedict for the libelant; Beebe, Cook & Donohue for the defendant.

KINGS COUNTY—SUPREME COURT.

Before Judge Pratt.

ACTION FOR ALLEGED FALSE IMPRISONMENT.

Ludwig F. Leather vs. Jacob Morch.—This was an action to recover $10,000 for damages caused to the plaintiff by alleged false imprisonment made in consequence of misinformation furnished the authorities by the defendant. The plaintiff, it appears, was arrested on the 21st of January last, on the complaint of the defendant, charging him with getting a quantity of meerschaum pipes and other goods on the false pretense that he had a customer for them, keeping them in his possession and refusing to account for them or tell where they were. He was imprisoned for seventeen hours in the Station-house, and on the 1st day of February, upon being brought before the Grand Jury for examination, and was taken to the Raymond-street Jail. He was bailed out after remaining in jail three days. The Grand Jury refused to find an indictment, whereupon he brought this suit against the defendant for $10,000 damages for the false imprisonment.

The defense in this action was that Renther, understanding that a complaint would be made, went before Justice Vourhees, and surrendered himself, stating that he had learned a complaint had been made against him by Mr. Morch. Finding that no complaint had been made, he sent word to Morch that if he wanted to fight he was ready for him. Whereupon Morch came and made the complaint upon which Renther was held.

At the conclusion of the testimony for plaintiff, defendant's counsel moved for a non-suit, which was reserved. The case then closed.

William H. and D. Van Cott for plaintiff; A. H. Dailey for defendant.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—PART I.—JAN. 16.

Before Judge Larremore and a Jury.

THE VAN PELT SUIT COMPROMISED.

Elias Schoenig vs. Reuben W. Van Pelt.—This action, which was to recover over $14,000 alleged to be due plaintiff from defendant out of moneys collected by the latter in his capacity as attorney, and already reported in the TIMES, was continued this morning. The plaintiff was placed on the stand and gave testimony to the effect that some of the checks purporting to be signed by him were not so signed. Her testimony in this respect was, however, so much shaken on cross-examination, she admitting that she signed papers many times without knowing what they were. After the noon recess, Ex-Recorder Smith appeared in Court and announced to the presiding Judge that a settlement had been made between the parties which, without stating the terms of it, he said was entirely satisfactory to the plaintiff. On the question of the non-signing of the checks, he believed his client mistaken, and he felt compelled to say that defendant, while proposing this settlement, still insisted on the truth of his side of the case.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—JAN. 16.

FIRST BOARD.

$2,000 U. S. 5s, 74, C.	110	400 N. Y. C. & H. R.	91½
2,000 do.	105½	400 do.	91½
1,000 U. S. 5s, 81, C.	110½	100 N. Y. C. & H. Ctr.	91½
3,000 U. S. 6-20 C. '64.	108½	40,000 do.	91½
15,000 U. S. 6-20 C. '65, new	109½	200 Reading	97½
1,000 do.	109½	700 do.	97½
117,000 U. S. 6-20 C. '65.	109½	100 do.	97½
1,000 U. S. 5s, 10-40 C.	107½	100 do.	97½
40,000 do.	107½	200 Reading	97½
10,000 Tenn. 6s, old	77½	100 Union Pacific	14½
5,000 Ga. 7s, Gold bds.	94½	5 Panama	73½
5,000 S. C. 6s, new, Jan. & July	65	100 Clev. & Pitts	104½
5,000 Missouri 6s	90	100 Chic. & N. W.	85½
4,000 do.	90	200 do.	85½
6,000 Mich. So. Bd.	86	200 do.	85½
14,000 Cent. Pac. G. bds.	95½	100 do.	85½
6,000 Union Pac. 1st	75	100 do.	85½
4,000 Pac. Tel. G. by Mo.	97	200 Mil. & St. P. Pf.	73½
12,000 C. & R. I. & Pac. 7s	97	300 Del., L. & West.	103½
2,000 Mich. Cent. R. 7s	97	75 do.	124
3,000 P. F. & W. D. 2d	42	100 do.	124
2,000 Col., C. & I. C. 1st	52½	50 Tol., W. & West.	40½
25 Metropolitan Bk.	120	100 Ben., R. & Erie	31
5 do.	120	100 Alton & R.	31
20 Continental Bk.	23½	100 Chic. & Alton	135½
15 do.	23½	400 Ohio & Miss.	30½
10 St. Nicholas Bk.	119	200 do.	30½
25 Central Nat. Bk.	102	100 Chic., R. & Quin.	102½
20 Mechanics' Bk.	115	100 Morris & Essex	84½
100 Bk. of Commerce	118	100 do.	84½
200 Mariposa Mining	5½	100 Han. & St. Jos.	30½
200 Mariposa Pref.	9	100 do.	30½
10 Pacific Mail	41½	100 do.	30½
100 do.	41½	100 Han. & St. Jos. Pf.	42½
200 West. U. Tel.	b.c. 42½	200 do.	42
200 do.	42½	200 do.	42½
10 U. S. Express	56	100 Rome & Water'n.	124½
200 Erie	21½		

SECOND BOARD.

$500 U. S. 6s, '81, C.	110½	50 Reading R. R.	97½
2,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '62.	109½	62 do.	97½
2,700 U. S. 5-20 C., '65.	109½	100 do.	97½
11,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65, new	107½	100 do.	97½
10,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '66.	109½	100 L. S. & M. So. R. R.	97½
16,500 U. S. 5-20 C., '67.	109½	100 Mich. Cent. R. R.	118
20,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67.	109½	6 do.	118
300 do.	109½	100 U. Pac. R. R.	14½
10,000 do.	109½	100 do.	14½
10,000 do.	109½	100 Chi. & N. W. R. R.	85½
1,500 U. S. 5-20 C., '65.	109½	100 C. & N. W. R. R. Pf.	85½
7,000 U. S. 5s, 10-40 C.	107½	100 C., C., C. & I. R. R., ex div.	92½
9,000 do.	107½	100 Chi. & R. I. & R. R.	102½
10,000 do.	107½	100 Mil. & St. P. R. R.	71
50,000 U. S. 6s, Cy.	110½	300 do.	71½
20,000 Ten. 6s, 6s, new	63½	100 do.	71½
10,000 do.	63½	100 do.	71½
1,000 N. C. Old Bds.	40½	400 Mil. & M. R. R. Pf.	50½
5,000 do.	40	100 do.	50½
2,000 S. C. 6s, 6s, new, Jan. & July	61½	50 Rome & Wat. R. R.	124½
23,000 Missouri 6s	90	100 P., Ft. W. & C.	92
2,000 Ark. 7s, Int. 10	70	200 Alt. & T. H. R. R.	40
L. R. & P. S. R. R.	60	100 do.	39½
3,000 Ill. Cent.	142	100 A. & T. H. R. R. Pf.	67½
10,000 U. P. L. G. Bd.	60	100 Ohio & Miss. R. R.	30½
44 West. U. Tel.	42½	110 M. & Essex R. R.	84½
15 do.	46½	430 H. & St. Jo. R. R.	30
100 do.	46½	100 do.	30½
100 do.	46½	100 do.	30½
100 Pac. G. S. Co.	34	200 do.	30½
100 do.	34	200 do.	30½
100 do.	34	100 R. & S. L. R. R. Pf.	30½
100 do.	34	200 do.	30½
100 do.	34	200 do.	30½
100 do.	34	100 do.	30½
300 Erie R. R.	22	800 C., C. & I. C. R. R.	17½

MONDAY, Jan. 16, P. M.

Gold and Bills on London are both weaker today by ⅛@¼ ₱ cent. than at the close of last week, partly on the upward movement of Cotton in Liverpool, which, if maintained, will, of course, afford an increased supply of Exchange. The Cable quotations for United States 5-20s are also firm.

The sales of Gold through the day were at 110⅛@110¼ ₱ cent. The Gold for Cash delivery is abundant, and 7 ₱ cent. interest was paid to carry over balances. The sales of Bills on London were at 109⅞@109 3-16ths ₱ cent. net for first-class Bankers'.

The rate for Money to the Brokers was full 7 ₱ cent. on call, with a commission, in some instances, to carry Stocks over the "lock-up" of Bank balances to which several large operators in the Street have again resorted, as an experiment, in the way of a dash, against the Railway market. They have timed their present raid by the circumstance that several millions have been called from the Street by the Broadway and Tenth National Banks to pay off certain City indebtedness on Revenue Bonds. This Money will in due course soon return for active employment in the market, but the intervening period of two or three days, short as it may sound, is all sufficient for a sharp "lock-up," and it has certainly been availed of in the present instance. The parties engaged in it have put some of the smaller Brokers to inconvenience today, and will probably make another turn of the screw to-morrow, but they have forced fewer Stocks on sale than might have been expected, and have won no laurels for their own credit or sagacity.

The Stock Exchange, on a diminished movement, was lower through the day in nearly all departments, from ½@1 ₱ cent. on the Public Funds, to ½@1 ₱ cent. on the leading Railways. Among the Western Roads there was another exceptional depression in the Common and Preferred Stock of the Hannibal & St. Joseph. The sales of the former were ran down to 77, and of the Preferred to 86½ ₱ cent., from which there was a reaction of 2½@3 ₱ cent. in both Stocks. There was also a weak feeling in Reading, but the decline not important. The Southern State Bonds were barely steady, all, if anything, a fraction weaker, except Missouris, which sold at 90 ₱ cent.

After the late Boards, the following quotations were made as compared with Saturday night. The Gold market left off steady. The Customs demand for Gold today amounted to $627,000. The Railways continued unsettled to the close of dealings in the Long Room:

CLOSING QUOTATIONS—JAN. 16.

	Saturday.	Monday.
United States 10-40s	107⅝	107⅝
United States 5-20s of 1862	109⅝	109⅝
United States 5-20s of 1867	109½	109
American Gold	110⅝	110⅝
Bills on London, 60 days	109⅞	109⅞
New Bonds of Tennessee	63½	63
New-York Central and Hudson	92½	91½
N. Y. C. & H. Debt Certificates	98¼	97½
Reading Railroad	98	97½
Chicago and Rock Island	106⅝	108
North-west Common	71⅝	71⅝
North-west Preferred	82⅝	82¾
Pacific Mail Company	41⅞	41⅞
St. Paul Preferred	72⅝	72⅝
St. Paul Common	51⅝	50⅝
Lake Shore	*90⅝	*90⅝
Ohio and Mississippi	30⅝	30⅝
Toledo and Wabash	40⅝	40⅝
Western Telegraph	46⅝	46⅝
Erie	21⅝	21⅝
St. Joseph Common	84	81⅝

*Ex dividend.

UNITED STATES TREASURY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 16, 1871.

Gold receipts	$781,187 50
Gold payments	1,060,771 17
Gold balance	$1,074,849 90
Currency receipts	219,041 22
Currency payments	667,416 56
Currency balance	9,590,139 98
Customs	627,000 00

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States:

6 ₱ cent. reg., 1881	110½	5-20 coupon, 1867	[illegible]
6 ₱ cent. coup., 1881	110½	5-20 coupon, 1868	108½
5-20 coupon, 1862	109½	10-40 registered	107½
5-20 coupon, 1864	109½	10-40 coupon	107½
5-20 coupon, 1865	109½	do currency	110½
5-20 coupon, n. i., 1865	107½		

And the following for the State Bonds:

Tenn. 6s, old	[illegible]	Conn. 6s	108
Tenn. 6s, new bds	63½	Rhode Island 6s	109
Va. 6s, old	[illegible]	Arkansas 6s, funded	58½
Va. 6s, new bds	61	Ark. 7s, L. R. & Ft. S. R.	55
Va. 6s, reg. 1866	[illegible]	Ohio 6 ₱ cent., 1886	100½
Va. 6s, reg. 1876	60½	Ohio 6 ₱ cent., '90	105½
Ga. 6s	70	Ill. Canal 8s	70
Ga. 7s, new bds	86½	Ill. Coupon 6s	77
Ga. 7s, Int. bds	86½	Ill. Coupon 6s	78
N. Car. 6s, old	40	Ill. War Loan	102
N. Car. 6s, new	37	Ind. 5 ₱ ct. War Loan	105
N. Car. S. A. 6s	37	Ind. 5 ₱ ct. War Loan	100
N. Car. special Tax	18½	N. Y. Comp. Bank'g L.	104½
S. Car. new bds	18½	N. Y. 6s, Canal L.	72.104½
S. Car. April & Oct.	22	N. Y. 6s, Canal L.	72.102½
Mo. 6s, old	90	N. Y. 6s, Canal L.	74.104½
Mo. 6, 6s, 10, 20, 1a	84½	N. Y. 6s, Canal L.	76.102½
La. 6s	[illegible]	N. Y. 6s, Canal L.	77.102½
La. 6s, Levee bds	70	N. Y. 6s, Canal L.	78.102½
La. 6s, Penitentiary	70	N. Y. 6s, Canal L.	79.102½
La. 7s, Penitentiary	72		

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1883	99	Tol. & W. Cons. Con.	32
N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1887	99	Hann. & Naples 1st	45
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Sub.	98	Gt. West. 1st, 1888

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NEW-YORK, TUESDAY, JAN. 17, 1871.

Amusements this Evening.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.
23d-st., near 6th-av.
LOVE AND INTRIGUE. Leading characters by Messrs. Lawrence Barrett, Sheridan, Pease, Miss Golden and Miss Bateman.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.
24th-st., near Broadway.
SARATOGA. Leading characters by Messrs. Harkins, Lewis, Davidge, Miss Fanny Davenport and Miss Fanny Morant.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, near Houston-st.
WEE WILLIE WINKIE. Characters by Messrs. G. L. Fox, Honeywood, Atkins, Miss Fanny Reeve, Miss Rogers, Miss Vernon, and others.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, near Prince-st.
THE BLACK CROOK. Leading characters by Messrs. Morton, Rogers, Hamilton, and Miss Pauline Markham.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, near 13th-st.
FAINT HEART NEVER WON FAIR LADY and UNDINE. Leading characters by Messrs. Lester Wallack, Lonsdale, Miss Ada German and Mrs. Barry.

LINA EDWIN'S THEATRE.
Broadway, near Washington-place.
MAKEUPPA and HIS LAST LEGS. Leading characters by Mr. Frank Drew.

STADT THEATRE.
Bowery, near Canal-st.
ROMEO AND JULIET. Leading character by Mme. Seebach.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.
Broadway, near 30th-st.
DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES. Afternoon and evening. Large collection of curiosities on exhibition.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS.
145-st., between 2d and 3d avs.
GRAND EQUESTRIAN and GYMNASTIC PERFORMANCES.

STEINWAY HALL.
Corner 14th-st. and 4th-av.
VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT. Artistes: Mme. Rudersdorff, Mme. Baldwin, Messrs. W. Castilla, J. R. Thomas, Harry Sanderson, and others.

ACADEMY OF DESIGN.
Fourth-st., corner Clay-av.
EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS AND STATUARY.

To Advertisers.

Advertisers in the TIMES are requested to bring in their notices at early an hour in the day as possible. If received after 12 o'clock, it will be impossible to classify them under their proper heads.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE WAR.

Paris advices of the 10th represent the bombardment to be very destructive between the Hotel des Invalides and the Odeon. Hospitals, ambulances, schools, the public libraries, the Churches of St. Sulpice, the Sorbonne and Val de Grâce have been struck, and in some instances women and children killed in their beds. The works of art in the Luxembourg and the Museum are said to have been destroyed. Paris has become a battle-field. The garrison of Paris on the 13th made vigorous sorties in three directions, toward Le Bourget and Drancy, on the north-east; toward Meudon, on the south-west, and Clamart, on the south. The fighting is reported by the Germans to have been spirited in all cases, but the French were repulsed at all points, retreating hastily within their works, some in great disorder. Dispatches from London say the shells fall in Paris, in the St. Sulpice quarter, on the 14th, once a minute. The forts, however, are represented to reply vigorously, inflicting serious damage upon the Prussian fortifications, which explains the slacking of their fire. Versailles telegrams of the 14th report the fire of Forts Issy and Vanvres as entirely checked. German accounts represent the army of DE CHANZY broken up and disorganized. A London telegram says his army has been reorganized, and is about to resume operations. He is in a strong position. The Prussians at Glaux have been dislodged and are retiring toward Montargis, says a Bordeaux telegram. The Germans in the East have been heavily reinforced from the north, and severe fighting was reported on the 12th, in the Department of Haute-Saône, continuing into the night. The Prussians are reported to be outflanking Gen. FAIDHERBE. The French replies are almost the reverse. Longwy is threatened with bombardment, and the women and children are flying into Belgium.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

The steam-ship *City of Brooklyn* has arrived at Queenstown under sail. The weather in England has been tempestuous and much damage done to shipping. A German paper says that if the question of peace between France and Germany arises in the London Conference, Germany shall insist on the cession of Alsace and Lorraine. The presence of JULES FAVRE at the Conference is still doubtful, and in view of this the Turkish representative reserves the right to sign the protocol. Prince ALEXANDER KARAGEORGEWITCH, of Servia, has been sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for complicity in the murder of Prince MICHAEL. VICTOR EMMANUEL has given a banquet in honor of Gen. SHERIDAN.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Advices from Montevideo to the 27th of November have been received. The siege of that city still continued, but relief was looked for from the army of Gen. JUAREZ. The advantage thus far seems to be on the side of BLANCO and his besieging rebels. A conspiracy to assassinate President RAPELA and other members of the Government had been discovered and thwarted. Recruiting for the Colorado Government was going on at Buenos Ayres....In the Argentine Republic Gen. LOPEZ JORDAN had defeated the army of the National Government, and seemed to be gaining the upper hand....In Paraguay the Convention engaged on the new Constitution had nearly completed its work. President RIVAROLA had gone on an expedition against the Indians, who had recently killed several citizens. The Ministers from Brazil and Uruguay had not arrived at Asuncion to conclude the treaty of peace, but were daily expected.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, bills were favorably reported upon for increasing existing pensions, and granting pensions to widows of soldiers of the war of 1812. Among the new bills introduced was one proposing to aid in the construction of twenty or more steam-ships and other appliances of an American Mail and Ocean Transportation Company, to be incorporated under this act. The bill to expedite the survey of private land claims was passed. The House bill for the removal of political disabilities in several individual cases came up, and debate ensued on the amendment of Mr. THURMAN to extend the relief to all persons under disability with certain exceptions. No action was taken on the bill or amendment. The bill ceding to the State of Ohio jurisdiction over the property of soldiers' asylums in that State, came up as the regular order, and a two hours' discussion ensued thereon. Mr. SHERMAN claimed that the bill was made necessary by the decision of the Supreme Court disfranchising the inmates of the Asylum at Dayton as non-residents. Mr. THURMAN opposed the bill as unconstitutional, and believed the inmates of the Asylum had no right to vote as citizens of the State. The matter was left undisposed of at the time of adjournment.

In the House, a memorial was presented on behalf of HUGH J. HASTINGS against the proposed investigation of charges made by him against Mr. BROOKS. He denied having made the affidavit read some days ago, and claimed that the matter was not a proper one for investigation by a committee of the House. After some discussion, during which Mr. BROOKS repeated his charges against Mr. HASTINGS, the memorial was referred to the Select Committee of Investigation. Among the new bills introduced, was one authorizing the appointment of a commission to ascertain the damage done by the *Alabama* and other rebel cruisers, and one prescribing the mode of holding elections for President, Vice-President, and members of Congress. Four members from Georgia appeared and were sworn in. Leave was given to introduce the bill relating to an air-line railroad from New-York to Washington, and the bill was introduced. Mr. BAKER moved a suspension of the rules, and the revision of the resolution in favor of referring measures on ocean telegraphs to a special committee. This led to a warm debate, after which the motion was lost for want of a two-thirds vote in its favor. Mr. BAKER then asked and obtained suspension of the rules, in order to introduce a bill on ocean telegraphs, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The bill was introduced and passed under the operation of the previous question, without debate. It gives the conditions to which all ocean telegraph lines shall be subject, viz.: The Government of the United States shall have equal privileges and control with other nations; citizens of the United States shall have the same privileges as the most favored; Government dispatches shall have precedence; lines shall be kept open daily, and dispatches forwarded in the order received, and a written acceptance of these conditions shall be given.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate last night the annual report of the New Capitol Commissioners for 1870 was received with a communication stating that the information asked in the resolution would be found there. Bills were introduced relating to lands sold for unpaid taxes; also relating to a stenographic reporter for the Courts of the Sixth Judicial District. After several bills in Committee the Senate adjourned. In the Assembly the Senate resolution directing the Controller to pay for stone-cutting for the new Capitol Building was unanimously adopted. Several bills were introduced and the House adjourned.

GENERAL.

A circular from the Internal Revenue Bureau, issued yesterday, reorganizes the office, dividing it into four divisions: of Law, Correspondence, Statistics, and matters not otherwise provided for; Accounts, Distilled Spirits, Merchandise in Bond, &c.

Col. STEWART, Manager of the Sailors' House in San Francisco, eloped with another man's wife, taking with him $20,000 of the funds of the sailors.

Another match between DION and DERBY has been agreed upon in San Francisco. DION has challenged PARKER, the vanquisher of RUDOLPH, in the recent match in Buffalo.

The President, yesterday, complied with Mr. SUMNER's resolution calling for information respecting Dominica. In addition to the letter of the Secretary of State, are copies of all the papers and correspondence relating to the proposed annexation or purchase.

C. H. CAMPBELL, an old resident of Oroville, Cal., was murdered and thrown into a mining shaft on the 14th inst. He had been stabbed to the heart.

The attempted revolution in the North-western States of Mexico by PLACIDO VEGA has entirely failed, and VEGA is now hiding in the mountains of Sonoloa, endeavoring to escape into the United States.

A Boston telegram of yesterday says: The greatly-needed rain has continued with some interruptions since yesterday, but a heavy fall of water is required to prevent the threatened scarcity in the city. The storm extends north and east.

The Potomac River is again open to navigation at Washington, and the mail and passenger boats have resumed their trips.

The steamer *T. L. McGill*, which was burned on Shoe Fly Bar on Saturday night, was owned by Capt. D. H. SILVER, of St. Louis, and was valued at $22,000. She is insured as follows: In the Eureka, of Pittsburg, $2,500; in the Boatman's, of Pittsburg, $4,000; in the Peabody, of Wheeling, $2,000; in the Franklin, of Wheeling, $2,500; in the Enterprise, of Cincinnati, $5,000.

A Havana telegram says the previous report that the entire cargo of the *Hornet* had been captured has been confirmed. One seamen and three flags were taken from the expeditionists, and seventeen of them were killed. Four Spaniards were killed and nine were wounded.

An accident has happened to the Porto Rico cable, twenty miles from Morant Bay, Jamaica, and a steamer has been sent to repair it.

Senator WILSON was renominated by the Republican legislative caucus in Boston, yesterday, by the following vote: WILSON, 108; DAWES, 23; BOUTWELL, 11.

The Work of Congress.

To allege that the general work of Congress is unsatisfactory, is only to echo an opinion which is all but universally held. Partisanship has no connection with it. The basis on which it rests is one of fact, and it implies no censure of the present Congress which would not, with equal fairness, apply to its predecessors for several years past. Too much time is wasted upon trifles. Great questions are delayed, their consideration is fragmentary and imperfect, and the legislation relating to them usually lacks more or less thoroughness and consistency. The financial question, which ever since the close of the war has demanded attention, is still all but untouched; there is no coherent and complete policy—no definite understanding as to the course to be pursued by the Treasury, and no intelligible preparation for resuming specie payment. The fiscal question is in a shape not quite so bad, but it calls for much more careful treatment than it has received. Civil service reform, imperatively needed as it is, arouses little earnest attention. These are examples of a class of subjects, national in their scope, which Congress either does not touch at all, or touches in a manner which does not fulfill the reasonable expectations of the country. Other defects in the general course of legislation are brought to light by continual doubts and difficulties in the interpretation or application of laws. These are results of the confusion and haste which commonly mark the final stages of Congressional action. The greater part of every session is wasted in personal squabbles, and in the elaborate discussion of topics of minor significance. When the heavy work can be put off no longer, it is rushed through at a rate which makes blunders inevitable.

This condition of things is the result, in part, of the thoughtlessness and folly of Senators and Members, and in part of a system which must be checked if public interests are to be properly protected. For the personal matters which consume so much of the time of both Chambers, Senators and Representatives are directly responsible. Nothing less than a misconception of duty, or an indifference to public opinion, can explain the mistaken tolerance which permits Senators to fight their battles at the nation's expense, and suffers Members to abuse their privileges at the expense of opponents out of doors. The Schurz-Drake contest exemplifies the manner in which the Senate wastes precious time; and the rule which allows Mr. BROOKS to give a one-sided version of the controversy between the *Express* and the *Commercial Advertiser*, and to drag into a committee-room an editor whom he is afraid to face in a Court of law, is intelligible only on the supposition that members generally vaine as one of their privileges the power of being unjust with impunity. These evils either House may at any time correct. And they must be corrected, if Congress is to be saved from public contempt.

More difficult but not less necessary, is the introduction of comprehensive changes in the nature and conduct of Congressional business. That now includes almost everything. Really national questions are pressed out of sight by reports and bills relating to such paltry matters, that Congress should not meddle with them at all, or should provide for them in some general way. Take up the printed reports emanating from committees, or the pile of bills now before the Senate or House, and it will be found that the great bulk of them are utterly undeserving of attention in a body intrusted with the functions of national legislation. An express company loses some bonds and seeks to be reimbursed,—or a woman had a bond in a trunk which was burned,—or a widow claims relief for injuries borne by her husband,—or a man, having made a bad bargain, asks to be compensated therefor,—or another man forfeits some advantage under the Patent laws. These are specimens of the trivial subjects which in the first place occupy the time of committees, and then are solemnly discussed by Senators and Representatives, for every minute of whose time the country pays dearly. We would not have a claimant for redress unsatisfied, but surely it would not be difficult to devise methods of meeting all such cases with a readiness which Congress cannot attain to, and without a heavy expenditure of public money. The sphere of the Court of Claims might be enlarged, or a law officer might be designated to investigate the facts of each case, and report to the heads of departments, who might be empowered to act in the premises. It is bad enough that State Legislatures spend three-fourths of their time in attending to the schemes of individuals, or in transacting business that properly belongs to municipalities. But our national legislators have before them graver and larger duties, and they cannot too soon consider how they may be spared the multitude of trivial matters which take up the greater part of every session. The Governors of States press upon Legislatures the task of providing for all small and personal purposes by general legislation. The recommendation may be urged with quite as much propriety upon the wise men at Washington.

The affairs of the District of Columbia require similar treatment. The time may have been when Congress could, without injustice to other parts of the country, watch over the smallest concerns of the District. That time is past. What is now wanted is some form of government for the City of Washington which shall control all its affairs. The supervisory authority of Congress will remain to check or correct the action of any body that may be created for this purpose; but it is absurd to suppose that every little piece of local business shall be legislated for specifically by Congress. A disposition to foster incorporations, whether insurance, mining, or manufacturing, with privileges extending throughout the Union, opens the door to other temptations, and should be arrested before more evil is done in a direction that is open to flagrant abuse.

America and England.

We published in a recent number a very fair and impartial review of the questions in dispute between England and the United States, by Lord HOBART. If all Englishmen were disposed to consider the differences between the two nations in his spirit, these differences would be soon settled in a reasonable manner. Lord HOBART pays the highest tribute to the tenacity of our people in the great struggle, and to their wise and unrevengeful spirit after victory; and rightly argues that a nation which has shown itself capable of such heroic sacrifices, and such great self-restraint, must have some reasonable ground for its complaints against the action of Great Britain in the civil war, and that, at all events, we are under the profound impression (possibly a mistaken one) that we have been unjustly treated by that Power. Such a feeling on the part of such a people, he claims, deserves respectful consideration, and renders the demand for arbitration, even on the "declaration of belligerency," a reasonable one.

The *Pall Mall Gazette*, on the other hand, in a recent article, departs from its usually rational course, and represents our American feeling toward England somewhat as the London *Times* used to represent it during the war. We are therein supposed to be in a perpetually truculent state—threatening and exasperating, like a quarrelsome bully, the quiet and peaceful citizen John Bull, who will scarcely even "turn against the foot that spurns him." Such representations cannot fail to have a bad effect on the average Englishman, who is peculiarly ignorant of foreign peoples, and very sensitive on the question of his honor. If they are meant in any degree of earnestness, we need not say to our readers that they have not the smallest foundation. The *Pall Mall* writer speaks of "the ravings of Senator SUMNER, when acting in an executive capacity as member of a body which shares the treaty-making power," of "concessions" in recent treaties "intended to be humiliating," and of our "arrogant diplomacy." If this is not intended merely for "smart" writing, we submit that there is no sort of ground for referring to the incidents alluded to as evincing a spirit of hostility either in our Government or people.

The truth is, that in a free country like England or the United States, a thousand things are said which mean very little. Mr. SUMNER, if he were Secretary of State, would take a very different tone from that which he uses as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations in the Senate. Mr. GLADSTONE when addressing his constituents, or writing for the *Edinburgh Review*, is quite another person from Mr. GLADSTONE as Premier. Prominent as Mr. SUMNER's position was, there was nothing "executive" in it, and no especial weight was attached to his speech, further than the arguments warranted. Five words from President GRANT would have been worth a volume of such speeches, as showing future policy. And if the writer of the *Pall Mall* will look over the recently-published correspondence between Secretary FISH and Mr. MOTLEY, he will discover that at the very time of these "ravings," President GRANT was dissatisfied with the friend of Mr. SUMNER, about to represent this country in London, for apparently entertaining similarly violent views on the questions at issue between the two countries. And at length the President, so far from favoring "arrogant diplomacy," recalled one of the most popular Ministers of the United States, for fear that his tone was not quiet or considerate enough toward Great Britain. Nor were the "concessions" yielded by Lord CLARENDON to Mr. JOHNSON of any consequence as bearing on the question of national dignity. The reference of a dispute to arbitration can never be "humiliating" to any reasonable being, or collection of beings.

The "average Englishman," however, ought to understand, what Lord HOBART perceives, that while there is no bullying or quarrelsome spirit in this country, there is a feeling, profound and earnest, that we have been wronged by Great Britain—and wronged in the moment of our greatest need and danger. Under this feeling there is, no doubt, with the passionate masses, an intense desire for revenge. But our Government, though the most popular on earth, is, in its executive direction, the least swayed by passion. Gen. GRANT, above all, is the least likely to be overborne by any such sentiment. This sense of wrong, as Lord HOBART urges, can be removed by proper actions on the part of Great Britain; by a fair reference of all questions in dispute to arbitration, and, if they are decided against her, by a combination of two courses: the payment of an indemnity, and the declaration of principles of international law, as affecting the sending forth of cruisers from neutral ports. President GRANT very properly takes the position that money alone is not sufficient reparation for the wrong we have received. He desires an apology; but a payment of money, and a declaration of war principles for the future, would seem to be all the apology we could reasonably claim from a great nation.

The City of Death.

More than one-half of Paris on the left bank of the Seine, together with that section on the right, lying between the Bois de Boulogne and the river, or in all something like one-fourth of the entire area inclosed by the ramparts, is now within the range of the enemy's guns, and is being shelled with a steadiness and precision altogether terrible to contemplate. From their batteries on the heights between Clamart and Meudon, the Prussians have rivaled the feats of our "swamp angel," for they have sent the messengers of death and destruction clear into the Luxembourg, a full four and a half miles off, and have for four days kept up the fiery hail, in utter defiance of both the inner and outer forts of the city. On the 10th, Issy, Vanvres and Montrouge were replying with vigor; on the 14th they were silent. With characteristic Teutonic thoroughness, the Germans have worked and waited till they could do their work perfectly. One can readily understand how it should have been a work of months to collect and mount the huge weight of ordnance that is found capable of engaging four forts, of replying to the fire of the inner fortifications, and of spreading carnage and ruin among the dwellers of Vaugirard and Grenelle, and overleaping the Boulevard de Mont Parnasse, making wider havoc than HAUSSMANN ever did with the historic monuments of the southern border of the Quartier Latin. In spite of Mont Valerien and her outworks, too, there have been sent from St. Cloud and Montretout projectiles carrying death into the homes of Auteuil and Passy, dropping sometimes into the Bois de Boulogne, and sometimes reaching close to the Invalides, or giving a rough salute to the denizens of the Ecole Militaire.

The fatal explosives fulfill their mission with a dreadful impartiality. Little children playing in the streets, women snatching a troubled slumber with their infants at their bosom, and wounded men on some of the thousand pallets of the Val de Grace, hear a hiss or a crash, then a dreadful roar, and the next moment are in eternity. The Luxembourg, with its pleasant gardens, its gorgeous Senate Chamber, and its accumulated art treasures, has been made a mark for the terrible artillery against which Montrouke and Vanvres have proved impotent. RICHELIEU's fine structure, that used to house the famous doctors of the Sorbonne, but has lately been consecrated to studies less grave than theology, the venerable fane of St. Sulpice, and the lofty dome with its shining gilt cross of the great military hospital of Val de Grace, have served also as prominent marks for the Prussian gunners. And yet, there is no sign of flinching. Paris sees some of her proudest historical monuments being leveled into dust, pictures that some of the greatest of her modern artists have painted brushed out by the shell bursting through panel or plaster; she hears the death cry of the innocent and the defenseless, and the wail of mothers weeping for the little ones for whom they would fain have died, but still with a resolution that is grand, even amid its despairing recklessness, she refuses to accept defeat, and seems prepared to bury herself in her own ashes.

France appeals to the civilized world—that looks on and wonders, hardly realizing all the horror of this stupendous tragedy—by a protest against the ordeal to which the capital has been subjected. In this struggle to the death, all the rules of civilized warfare have been repeatedly violated by both sides, and the Germans are doubtless disposed to lay the responsibility for all the wanton destruction involved in the bombardment of Paris, more upon the obstinate foe within, than upon the equal obstinacy with which they have pressed the siege from without. Paris has already done what no one would have given her credit for doing. She has developed an abstinence and a self-restraint that are truly heroic; she has harbored no divided counsels, and has promptly repressed both outrage and riot, when standing face to face with supreme danger. All that gallantry and perseverance could effect she has done, and the world will mark her resistance to the Prussian siege as one of the greatest chapters in history, as well as a new departure in national existence. That she can do more is beyond the expectation of the most sanguine of partisans. She has but to submit to the inevitable—melancholy though it be—and show a still greater degree of moral courage in accepting what she cannot avert, to complete the greatness of her record in the most terrible of all her struggles.

Mr. Seward's Visit to Japan.

The courteous reception accorded by the Mikado of Japan to Mr. SEWARD is, it may be hoped, significant of even more than a desire on the part of the native Government to cultivate friendly relations with the American people in the person of an illustrious statesman. As the first foreigner who, in the character of simple citizen, was admitted to an audience with the mysterious ruler, Mr. SEWARD has enjoyed a privilege which, commonplace enough in more Western lands, bears a special value in the "Land of the Rising Sun." His reception symbolized in the Japanese mind a definite abandonment of that policy of isolation which, maintained for centuries, has slowly yielded to the pressure of Western civilization. More than three hundred years ago the picturesque Bay of Nagasaki, its green-clad islets, and the lovely villages nestling on its shores, were the scenes of a tragedy so hideous that it would almost have seemed to invite the curse of God upon a spot adorned with natural beauties of a rare order. By decree of the then Shiogoon—the "temporal Emperor," who, until recently, exercised coequal power with the "religious Emperor," or Mikado—named TYEO SAMA, thirty thousand Christians, men, women, and children, were burned to death, or forced, at the point of the sword, to throw themselves off the rocky steeples of Pappenberg into the boiling ocean below. "The massacre of Simabarra," as the most atrocious of the many episodes in this fiendish plot is designated, rivaled in its horrors the worst ever recorded in the old murder days of mediæval Europe. Upon that day Japan closed her ports to the Western world, only permitting a few Dutch traders to reside in semi-captivity upon a small peninsula, and they even upon the sole condition of once a year trampling upon a cross drawn upon the ground for that purpose. For three hundred years was the "pestiferous sect of Christians" proscribed, and the residence of Christian missionaries prohibited. The treaty of Commodore PERRY opened up this long-isolated Empire to the world. But incredible as it may appear, not only this, but all succeeding treaties, American, English, French, &c., have failed to provide for any immunity from persecution to native Christians. But a few months ago, a notification enjoining officials to report on and punish them whenever found was published by the native Government. Although foreigners enjoy perfect freedom, a Japanese is at this moment liable to summary punishment for attending a foreign place of worship.

It did not, of course, lie within the competence of this or any other Government recognizing Japan as a "Treaty Power" to insist upon its according freedom of conscience to its own subjects, but that some effort in that direction was not made seems a pity. It is sufficiently obvious, that to make the adoption of Christianity in any form a penal crime, is a violation of the conditions which can alone render intercourse between nations satisfactory. However little abstract right we may have to interfere in such a matter, that little is of a nature to justify the strongest persuasive pressure. The Japanese are by no means ignorant of the opinion entertained of their policy, in this respect, by outside nations. But no statesman has yet been found brave enough to face the traditions of the past and the hostility of the present, by proposing to remove the disabilities to which Christian converts have hitherto been condemned. In the reception accorded to Mr. SEWARD, there is, however, evidence of so daring an innovation upon long-established custom, that it leads us to regard as no longer unlikely an equally radical change in the policy pursued toward professors of Christianity. Until liberty of thought be secured to its people by law, Japan will, despite her attentions to Western visitors, remain indefinitely behind those nations with which she is so anxious to place herself on equal terms.

MINOR TOPICS.

Mr. GOODRICH's bill for repealing the "Erie Directors' act" must be heartily welcome to Gov. HOFFMAN. The Governor's friends have told us over and over again that he signed it in complete ignorance of its purpose. Well, he cannot pretend ignorance of its effect. If, therefore, his excuse for signing the bill is an honest one, he will be very glad to do all in his power to promote its repeal. His advice might have some weight with TWEED and SWEENY, and these two could do pretty much as they like with the Legislature. Now is Gov. HOFFMAN's time. JAMES FISK, Jr., is in very bad odor. JAY GOULD cannot stand him any longer. The *World*, after coming with two or three ponderous and nervous articles to his defense, now throws him overboard. Even the companions of his leisure hours begin to loathe the man. There can, therefore, be no great risk in Gov. HOFFMAN following the example of the paper which he was lately the means of selling to Mr. SWEENY, and repudiating FISK. Amid all this disagreement among a certain class, honest men are likely to get their own.

If some rather hot fights take place occasionally in newspapers, statesmen and other public men strive to show that in the use of personalities they take the lead. The controversy between Senator WILSON and Hon. J. S. BLACK goes on in a most promising manner. In Judge BLACK's last letter he charges Senator WILSON with attacking certain persons "in a style so scandalous that vituperation is no name for it." Judge BLACK even intimates that his first impulse after reading Senator WILSON's attack was to—"no matter what," as he says; he did not obey the impulse. Addressing the Senator, Mr. BLACK observes: "He doubt you did all in your power to subvert the free institutions of our revolutionary fathers, and to debauch the political morals of the country; but the utmost exertion of your abilities has not sufficed to raise you above the common file of pettifoggers who have engaged in the same evil work." Judge BLACK has a very fine style of invective peculiarly his own, and his article in the new number of the *Galaxy*, though very long, will not be pronounced dull by any reader. As to its issue, we have their for subsequent consideration.

It does not seem desirable to mix up the National Government with the affairs of the State as proposed by Mr. BENNETT in the bill reported from the House Committee on Commerce. The enlargement of the Erie and Oswego Canals is the purpose to which Mr. BENNETT would apply eight millions of dollars, to be raised by an issue of bonds; and one of the properties is, "the better protection of the northern and north-western frontier." Our canals are open to much improvement, but there is nothing in their management, bad as it is, to call for Federal interference. They may be made quite equal to the demands of commerce without any help from the National Treasury,—if we can but get rid of Democratic miracle. Such war vessels as may be required on the lakes may be profitably built there, and there is no difficulty in transporting all requisite munitions of war. Congress may save these eight millions.

We hope that the opponents of the San Domingo project are now ashamed of their attacks upon the President. The composition of the Commission of Inquiry, and the facilities afforded for an impartial investigation upon the spot, are the best possible vindication of Gen. GRANT's motives, and of his faith in the policy he has so strenuously urged. The gentlemen engaged may not all return advocates of annexation, but we are confident they will return prepared to bear testimony to the integrity of the course pursued by the Administration. The more thorough their inquiry, the more satisfactory it will be. Time is of less importance in a matter like this than the acquisition of all the facts that are essential to the formation of sound conclusions. We may here state, for the information of our readers, that we have made full and ample arrangements for receiving correspondence describing the progress of the expedition. Nothing of interest relating to the journey will be lost sight of.

The new Court-house job, which is one of the great scandals of this City, will probably have a counterpart in the new Capitol at Albany. Gov. HOFFMAN's Message gave us a faint warning upon the subject,—so faint that his friends in the Legislature do not heed it in the slightest degree. The original estimate for the whole work was four million dollars, but the Governor acknowledges that the ultimate cost "will be very greatly in excess of the first estimate." Our correspondent reports that the prevalent impression at Albany is, that the expenditure, if the present plans are adhered to, will reach twenty million dollars, or five times the sum contemplated in the first instance. Of course, the Albanians will not object, and the Democrats are not unwilling to gratify them. The State Treasury, however, is in no condition to endure the drain. Two millions, two hundred and fifty-one thousand, three hundred and fifteen dollars have already been expended, and the work barely peeps above ground. This is not all. According to the Comptroller, the money already paid to the contractors was borrowed, and there is at present not a dollar in the Treasury. We hope the Republicans will resist any further appropriation until the plans are so changed as greatly to cheapen the cost of the building.

The directors of the Third-avenue Railroad Company are desirous of adopting an idea suggested by the palace-cars, which now lessen the discomfort of traveling long distances on ordinary railroads. They propose to run palace-cars from the City Hall to Harlem, and have applied to the Legislature for the requisite authority to impose an increased charge for the comfort to be furnished. The present horse-cars are little better than a necessary nuisance. They are overcrowded, dirty, and in many respects objectionable. The introduction of a car which shall receive no more passengers than can conveniently be seated, and which shall afford safe ingress and egress, would be a boon to thousands of persons. The main point to be guarded against is the sacrifice of the passengers by five-cent cars to the passengers paying a higher fare. It is the duty of the Legislature to provide against the abuse of the privilege sought, so far as the present cars are concerned. The five-cent travelers must be protected in the accommodation, such as it is, which is now afforded them.

Whatever may be said about the merits of Mr. WOOD's General Cable bill reported from the Committee of Foreign Affairs in the House yesterday, it is impossible to find anything to say in favor of the mode of its passage. The prospect of that measure being passed by the Senate, or being viewed with much respect by the public at large, will certainly not be improved by the extraordinary style of its approval by the House. Important for purposes of legislative preparation as is the institution of standing committees, it was hardly contemplated that they should involve the slightest danger of members accepting their recommendations without either discussing or understanding them. Students of the analogies of human character may be charmed with the discovery that at 4½ o'clock on the 16th of January, honorable members of both parties in the House behaved exactly like a crowd of unruly school-boys eager to set out to dinner, but their constituents generally may have a natural desire to see them in hours devoted to public business a trifle less exuberant.

The German demand for Alsace and Lorraine has been persistent enough to convince people generally that they were determined to fight till the lost provinces were either formally ceded or till they made France weak enough to avert any immediate risk of their being regained. In order, however, that the fact may be established beyond dispute, the semi-official *Cross Gazette* comes out with a fresh declaration to the same effect. On this basis, Prussia is evidently prepared to disclose the question of peace at the coming Conference, though how that, or any other of the questions more immediately proposed to this body can be conclusively settled in the absence of a representative of France, it is not a little difficult to determine.

A Statement in Edition.

In the obituary column of this paper, on Sunday morning last, occurred the following announcement:

LAURIE.—On Wednesday, Dec. 21, at his residence, St. James'-place, London, JOHN LAURIE, in the 80th year of his age, for many years a merchant of this City.

There is nothing unusual in this announcement; but, in connection with it, there is something that borders upon romance. For fifty years Mr. JOHN LAURIE and an older brother were shipping merchants in this City—solid merchants of the olden time. After accumulating an ample fortune they retired, and, in 1824, returned to the Old Country. There, in London, Mr. JOHN LAURIE has led the comfortable life of an opulent bachelor, occupying spacious lodgings, and dining, as well as passing most of his time, at the club, near by; a gentleman of modest tastes, enjoying probably all that were to him the comforts of life on five or six thousand dollars a year. His brother, quite rich, had died shortly before, at the ripe age of eighty-seven. Other branches of the family were in easy circumstances.

Mr. JOHN LAURIE had known from boyhood, and kept constantly in mind, a gentleman of this City, now in the prime of manhood, the son of old and dearly-cherished friends. He had conceived for the son of those friends an ardent attachment, which increased and ripened as years rolled on and lent their mellowing influence; and which was all the more extraordinary to him in that his protégé was everything that could be desired—a man of cultivated mind, of irreproachable morals, of refined tastes, manly in bearing, yet proverbially modest and courteous. Possessing a modest competence, he, too, a bachelor, lived in lodgings and at the Union Club. Twice within a few years he had visited England, where he was cordially received and entertained by the friends of his parents—the last voyage having been made in the successful yacht *Sappho*, belonging to his cousin, Mr. DOUGLASS.

During all these twenty years that Mr. LAURIE had resided in London, his first inquiry when meeting recently-arrived Americans, was for his protégé. From all, as SHAKESPEARE saith, he heard "good exclamation." Soon after Mr. K. returned home last Summer, the old gentleman wrote him a kindly letter, inclosing a handsome present of money, intimating that in his will he had made to him a bequest, but giving no intimation of the amount. Mr. K. thinking it might perhaps be $2,000 or $10,000, dismissed the matter from his memory. But judge of his astonishment at receiving, on Saturday last, from Mr. LAURIE's legal advisers, a notice with the necessary fullness of detail, informing him that in his will Mr. LAURIE had bequeathed to him in solid interest-paying securities, the sum of $250,000. The name of this gentleman, so deservedly fortunate, is J. GRENVILLE KANE, Esq., formerly Secretary of the Union Club, and one of its most highly-esteemed members.

Apropos of this, an incident somewhat similar occurred two or three years ago to another middle-aged, wealthy bachelor member of the Union Club—Mr. JOHN C. WHITE. A relative of his, Mr. BANYER, having a strong regard for him, bequeathed to Mr. WHITE the sum of $250,000 on condition that he should assume the name of BANYER. Mr. WHITE for some time hesitated about accepting the bequest, but finally concluded to do so, and, stepping down to the Court of Common Pleas, made the necessary formal application to Judge DALY, who, with the easy grace so characteristic of him, erased the name of JOHN C. WHITE from legal existence, and brought into the body politic that of GOLDSBOROUGH BANYER.

Moral: Let all young men members of clubs be good, and they, too, may find kindly old gentlemen going about with half millions in their pockets, seeking for worthy youngsters upon whom to bestow it.

A Resuscitation.

"Hon. GEORGE ROBERTSON, Chief-Justice of the Court of Appeals of Kentucky, is thought to be the oldest living Ex-Congressman. He entered Congress in 1813, and is now in his eighty-first year."

Ex-Gov. BENJ. T. TRIMBLE took his seat in Congress, as a Representative from the Cayuga District, in 1815, and was, therefore, a colleague of Chief-Justice ROBERTSON, of Kentucky. Gov. TRIMBLE, now in his eighty-sixth year, and in the enjoyment of tolerable health, with mental faculties unimpaired, is now a resident of this City. During his first session in Congress he incurred the displeasure of his constituents by voting to change the pay of members of Congress from $6 a day, while in session, to $1,500 a year. The popular sentiment against that vote became so strong that Mr. TRIMBLE resigned his seat, and remained nearly ten years in retirement, emerging in 1829 as a Circuit Judge, the duties of which he discharged with acknowledged ability and fidelity.

But a great change has "come over the spirit" of that constituency. There is now no such vigilance or watchfulness over the conduct of Representatives. The sentinels who were prompt in sounding alarms then, sleep now; and the people have become inconsistent to indifference to the misconduct of public servants.

Novel Case—Alleged Wrongs of Contract with a Colored Slave.

In the case of MORALES vs. MORALES, in which a colored woman sues the son of the Marquis of MORALES for breach of contract, Justice LAIR, at the Civil Court, corner of Fourth-avenue and Nineteenth-street, delivered judgment yesterday. He said: The plaintiff alleges that defendant made a contract with her to come from Havana to this City, and nurse his infant child as long as it required it at the a month and her board, and other allowances. The answer alleges that plaintiff was a slave and liberated by her owner, together with her child, on consideration of her coming to New-York to nurse his child, and it sets up a general denial; denies that any contract was made, except her manumission, and denies that she rendered any services, having been dismissed here for negligence. I must take it for granted that a contract of some kind was made. There is now an application to me for a commission to examine the Marquis and other parties in Havana. I know the laws of Havana are favorable to the slave, and if they authorize a contract with a slave, the law last must control, and under the general denial in the answer many things may be proved which I cannot receive. Whatever the Spanish laws may be, this is a novel case, and under the circumstances I should be wrong in refusing this commission. On its return I shall have all the facts before me. I decide that the commission must be allowed.

A Movement for Temperance.

The following were adopted, yesterday, by the New-York Pastors' Association, (Presbyterian,) at the weekly meeting:

Whereas, Intemperance indeed humanity, increases crime, places pauperism, and is the source of sickness, sin and sorrow innumerable; therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly entreat and respectfully request all persons, whether belonging to a Christian to the people, the Christian duty of temperance in the search week in June and the social week in December, so to aid in observing the Sabbath, which last week, the anniversaries of the Fourth of July and New-Year's Day. And we hereby petition Congress, in behalf of the District of Columbia and the Territories under its jurisdiction, and the several State Legislatures, in behalf of their several States, to enact suitable laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sundays, election days, the Fourth of July, and all other holidays.

Blank petitions can be had free of charge by sending a stamped envelope with address

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatrical.

REAPPEARANCE OF MR. WALLACK.

Midwinter with its frosts and piercing winds has its consolations, and one of the best and most cheering of these is the sight upon his own stage of our favorite light comedian. When Mr. WALLACK vaulted before the footlights last evening, as *Ruy Gomez*, there was quite a thrill of pleasure among the audience. This audience was radiant with beauty and color, was pre-eminently a "family" house, and the fresh merriment of youth, and the slower accords of mature laughter, mingled through the plays with jocund harmony. Winter can be forgotten in such a scene, or at least we can be made to think of its brevity rather than its power. The sunny pictures and blithesome action thus revealed, remind us that no ice or frost, or roaring storm can keep back the bright days to come. We know full well that

> Soon will the high Midsummer pomps come on,
> Soon will the musk carnations break and swell,
> * * * * * * *
> And roses under the dreaming garden trees,
> And the full moon and the white evening star.

Even so after "War," with its sharp suggestion of gloomy reality, comes Mr. WALLACK in one of the most sunsamer-like and inspiriting of his impersonations, to remind us that joy follows sorrow as day the night or season season, and that we have only need of patience to tide over the very worst of human ills or deprivations.

The bill of last evening included two characters which Mr. WALLACK has so admirably shown to exemplify his peculiar powers. *Ruy Gomez* and *Sir Charles Coldstream*, unlike as fire and ice, akin only in common youth and in both being in love, can only be played equally well by an actor of consummate ability. The one is impassioned to the very point of delirium, and rustling in his velvet and silk with his feathers and long sword, his pointed collar, and rattling spurs, might have stepped from the canvas of VELASQUEZ, or any other relic of mediæval ages. The other, blasé, cynical, the most modern of the moderns, the incarnation of the twin demons of skepticism and indifference, would probably have been as incomprehensible to *Ruy Gomez* as *Ruy Gomez* to him. Mr. WALLACK discriminates with exquisite tact these two opposite figures, and yet unveils to us in felicitous glimpses their common humanity. *Ruy Gomez* falls in love with a woman vastly his superior in the social scale. We almost think he might as well have fixed his affections on some "bright, particular star," the *Duchess* is so "above him in her bright radiance and collateral sphere." The hero of "Used Up," on the contrary, becomes enamoured of a poor girl as much below *Sir Charles* as the *Duchess* is above *Ruy Gomez*. In these and other ways the antithesis is agreeably carried out, and so gives point and variety to a selection which at the first glance may not be thoroughly understood.

Both these little dramas are in plot as frail and dainty as a spider's web; yet each serves to illustrate a distinct principle. The title of one is its own best explanation. The motive of the other is more complex, yet no less instructive. It inculcates the fact that beneath the superficial lacquer of the veriest coxcomb there may be a substratum of pure manliness ready for and equal upon occasion to noble deeds. Both plays were nicely acted last night. Apart from Mr. WALLACK, we cannot well go further in praise than this. Mrs. BARRY has plenty of beauty and spirit for the *Duchess de Torrenueva*. She is, however, lacking in elegance and dignity. Miss EFFIE GERMON has, in like manner, abundance of mischievous and gaysey for *Lady Charles*; but she needs calling more dark. Her *Mary*, in the second piece, is a far better piece of acting. Mr. FRENCH is capital in *Deakeyne*; and special mention of other characters is uncalled for. The dramas were put on the stage with a finished care very pleasant to see; the costumes and scenery being highly picturesque, and, we believe, strictly correct. The performance drew forth profuse applause, and several calls before the curtain, and the hero of the night was, at the close, heartily cheered.

At the end of "Paul Heard," Mr. WALLACK being summoned by acclamation before the curtain, made a few graceful and pertinent remarks. After thanking the audience for the new proof of their favor, just bestowed, he took occasion to refer to the approaching Holland testimonial. The allusion was received with tumultuous and long-continued plaudits, which showed very plainly the feeling of the public with regard to this interesting demonstration.

Mr. WALLACK's return was all, in a word, that his most cordial friends could desire. His great fog was not demonstrative only, but even affectionate. It is plain that an artist does not work unfaithfully and so well as Mr. WALLACK to cleave the stage, both as actor and manager, without having his reward. The sweets of popular approbation are his, and much, we are glad to say, which is called more substantial, besides. In this there is room for broad congratulation, since credit is due both to the public and the actor. Each needed the other; and it is one of the most charming things in life to see a well-deserved reciprocal appreciation.

NOVELTY AT LINA EDWIN'S.

Mr. FRANK DREW is now filling an engagement at Lina Edwin's Theatre. He appeared last evening in "His Last Legs" and in the burlesque of "Macopus," and he diffused a great deal of pertinacious among a rather small audience. Mr. DREW did so, too, without having recourse to the commonplace and violent methods upon which the effect of the performance of many male burlesque actors largely depend. He has a full appreciation of humor, an expressive face, and an ease and naturalness covering more of the French vaudeville player than of the English low comedian. We shall, therefore, be glad to behold him under more favorable influences than those of a thin extravaganza, and of a comedietta demanding broader acting, not to speak of a richer brogue, than were shown by him last night. The performance, however, afforded much amusement, and the absence of effort which characterized Mr. DREW's share of it increased notably its pleasantness. The same bill is to be interpreted for the present.

Musical.

MISS KELLOGG IN ORATORIO.

The young American prima donna CLARA LOUISE KELLOGG, has been winning new triumphs, and in a new field. Hitherto she has limited herself to opera and concert, but within the last three weeks she has added oratorio to her professional range. On the 24th of December Miss KELLOGG made her debut in this department of sacred music in the "Messiah," at Cincinnati. All accounts agree that her success was complete, and that the brilliant talents and cultivation of the popular songstress are now secured for this neglected but noble department of art. We gather from many intelligent criticisms of her performance, that it was distinguished for breadth, sincerity, and chastened taste of style, all of which are distinct from the force, vivacity and brilliancy of the operatic school in which Miss KELLOGG has hitherto shone with such distinction. In this we have another evidence of the versatility of the lady's genius, which seems to comprehend and adapt itself to all musical forms. This new success is also a fresh proof, if any were needed, of Miss KELLOGG's indefatigable spirit, which carries her unceasingly on from one walk of art to another, and is, we may add, in marked contrast to that modern *dilettanti* class which is content to excel in a specialty, and rest there forever. Miss KELLOGG is to appear before a Metropolitan audience, at the Academy of Music, on Thursday next, in oratorio, when that cultivated class of patrons which has always been her support in this City will have an opportunity of estimating and applauding the perseverance and courage of the young vocalist in a new and exacting arena of art.

Miscellaneous.

BRIEF MENTION.

"Lorle" will be given at the Stadt Theatre this evening. Mme. SCHERACH filling the principal part.....At Steinway Hall the concert in aid of the benevolent fund of the St. David's Society occurs this evening.....The Thomas concerts in Boston have been exceedingly successful. At the Saturday matinée performance more than $2,000 was received, and in the evening the Music Hall was filled, malgré the adverse influence of the Fechter benefit representation. It is to be hoped that their concerts here will have as liberal encouragement.

COLLEGES FOR WOMEN.

Meeting at Rutgers Institute—Addresses by Prof. Pierce, Rev. Dr. Thompson, Peter Cooper, and Others.

A meeting was held last evening at Rutgers Female Institute for the purpose of making an appeal for the endowment of the College on the same basis as that of other colleges in the State. The meeting was presided over by PETER COOPER, Esq., who briefly presented the objects of the meeting. There were present, Chancellor PIERCE, of Albany; Gen. WARD, of the College of the City of New-York; JAMES W. BARNAM, of the Woman's Hospital, and President PIERCE, of Rutgers Institute, besides a number of other gentlemen interested in education. Prof. PIERCE, of Rutgers Institute, made an interesting statement of facts in the course of his remarks. He said that it is to be remarked that from the first settlement of the State down to within a few years, there have been no colleges for women; there are now but four—the Ingham University, Elmira College, Vassar and Rutgers Colleges. The latter has no endowment. The funds of the other three, as appears from their reports made last year to the Board of Regents, amount to a little less than $100,000. Their buildings and apparatus to a little less than $1,000,000. More than one-half of this is credited to Vassar College. To sum up the provision made for the education of men and women in our State, we find more than $15,000,000 for the education of men, and less than $1,100,000 for the education of women. Let us have higher institutions of learning for our young women—that shall attract them, interest them, train them, strengthen their intelligence, broaden their views of life, fill their minds with elevating thoughts, their hearts with pure sentiments. Institutions that instead of releasing young girls at sixteen will not receive them till that age, and that shall thus keep them out of the vortex of fashionable life and pure from the pollutions of extravagance, excitement and dissipation. As far as an unendowed college could do its work, I believe Rutgers Female College has, since it was incorporated as an institute in 1839. From the books of this institute it appears that over 2,500 young women have been educated here. And this has been done without a dollar of endowment. When it was founded the representatives of Col. HENRY RUTGERS gave to its trustees the use of three lots of land in the Seventh Ward as long as it should remain in that locality. When by the growth of the City this institution, as in the case of Columbia College, was compelled to be removed to this site, the three lots reverted to the heirs of Col. RUTGERS.

Rev. Dr. THOMPSON indorsed the proposition for a college for women in a few remarks, in which he said that it was in every way desirable that the project should succeed, and all that he could do in his favor would be done.

Mr. VANDIKEN said that the proposition was made to educate women and endow a college for that purpose. In olden times it was thought necessary to give property to the sons of families and nothing to daughters. In his own case he said that his mother was taught reading, writing, and arithmetic, but there her education ended; but yet she was enabled to give him an education, and make him what he was now. He urged upon the assemblage the education of women, and said that nothing could be done so effectually for the advancement of society as by the proper education of women. There was ample for men, but none for women, and it was time that the remedy was applied by endowing a college for women.

Mr. COOPER said that he did not think that a college for this purpose should be endowed with less than a million of dollars, for it was not advisable to make an institution of this kind should be continually begging for money; therefore it was best that sufficient money should be obtained in the first instance, and that it should be firmly established at the outset.

Mr. BERGEN spoke on the question before the meeting, and referred to the early efforts for female education, and hoped that this measure would be successfully carried out.

President WARD, of the College of the City of New-York, spoke to the subject, and urged the most vigorous measures for the raising of such sums as were needed, promising to do all in his power to further the object. After addresses by other gentlemen present, a committee was appointed to carry out the desires of the organization, and the meeting adjourned.

A Testimony Republican Rewarded—Present to Police Commissioner Smith.

A magnificent double service of silver plate, comprising 320 pieces, of the aggregate value of about $10,000, was presented to Police Commissioner HENRY SMITH, last evening, on behalf of 300 of his political sympathizers. The presentation ceremony took place at the St. Nicholas Hotel, the silver being on exhibition in a large show-case in the main parlor of the hotel. The Dickson, Lincoln and American Clubs were largely represented on the occasion, Mr. SMITH being a member of all three organizations.

Among the guests of the committee and guests present were Tammany Democrats, prominent among whom were Mayor Hall, State Senator Michael Norton, Senator Thomas J. Creamer, Thomas J. Mullaly, Police Justice Cox, Sheriff Matthew T. Brennan, Ex-Alderman George Mitchell, John Chamberlain, Charles Hall, Secretary of State James Cornell, Hon. James R. Beaworth, Assistant District-Attorney Fellows, Ex-Alderman Barker, Police Superintendent Kelso, Surrogate Hutchings and Hon. Thomas J. Barr. There were also present Messrs. Rufus W. Andrews, Daniel D. Conover, John A. Gridley, Orlando W. Brennan, Benj. F. Manierre, A. J. Solss, Kitchenand, Waldo Hutchins, Chauncey M. Depew, Sinclair Tousey and Isaac J. Oliver. Mr. DREW made the presentation address, which was briefly responded to by the recipient of the testimonial. Mr. SMITH said that he was satisfied that among the subscribers to this testimonial were many gentlemen who were not identified with either of the political parties of the State, while there were others who were of the party to which he was opposed. He said that it was pleasant for him to know that amid the computations which it is natural to business in this City, and the bitterness which sometimes characterizes our political campaigns, his personal friendships had remained the same. This fact gave additional value to the beautiful testimonial.

At the close of the presentation ceremony a grand banquet was enjoyed, at which Mr. WALDO HUTCHINS presided. Remarks were made by Mayor HALL, Gen. COCHRANE, RUFUS F. ANDREWS and others. It was a noticeable fact that complimentary allusions to the Democratic Party and its leaders were received with warm and long applause, and that the toast to the Governor of New-York was more heartily cheered than the toast to the President of the United States. Letters were received from Hons. D. C. LITTLEJOHN and WM. ORTON, regretting their absence.

The Jersey City Water Famine Ended.

Yesterday the residents of Jersey City had their full supply of water from the works at Belleville, for the first time in nine days. The pump commenced working at about 3 o'clock yesterday morning.

During the day the workmen were engaged in taking down the sheers and pulleys, and in placing a stone block attached to the pipe to steady it in position—a precaution which, if it had been applied before the accident, would have saved many thousands of dollars, as well as great inconvenience. It is also proposed to inclose the entire pipe in solid masonry, and thus prevent the possibility of accident in the future.

Taxes Collected for 1870.

We are indebted to Mr. ALFRED VREDENBURGH, the First Clerk to the Receiver of Taxes, for the following statement of taxes collected during the year 1870:

Amount collected		$20,482,212 40
Interest on taxes, amount collected	$67,660 73	
Discounts allowed	78,352 38—	11,503 11
Balance		$20,670,819 54
Amount credited for payments in error	$2,761 14	
Deposits with County Treasurer	20,667,958 40—	20,670,819 54

The Alleged Child Murderess.

Yesterday afternoon DABO DEEKMAN, the woman charged with having caused the death of her child by cruelty and starvation, was taken to the Queens County Court-house. She denies the charge. She says that she was often in straightened circumstances and unable to furnish suitable food; that the child was troubled with worms and always hungry; that she had had various quarrels with the witnesses and their testimony is malicious. She is about forty years of age, of slight figure, with very care-worn features.

Important Sale of Paintings.

The splendid collection of foreign paintings which Mr. H. W. DERBY has for some weeks been exhibiting at the Academy of Design, is advertised for sale in another portion of these columns. They remain where they are at present until the 18th, when they will be removed to the spacious sales-room of Messrs. LEAVITT, STREBEIGH & Co., and there placed on free exhibition until the days of sale—the 24th and 25th of this month. Never before was so large and really valuable a collection of the works of nearly all the leading modern painters of Europe simultaneously placed within reach of art purchasers, and it may therefore be expected to produce an unprecedentedly great sensation. To add to the attraction, it is, we understand, Mr. DERBY's intention to join to the collection at the sales-rooms two more paintings that have not been at the Academy—one a very fine RAEULSACH, and the other the "Birth of Venus," by CABANEL; the latter considered by all judges not only a *chef d'œuvre* of this great artist, but one of the grandest specimens of art ever seen in this country.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN.

Mr. Lincoln and Three Friends in Council—A Chapter from the Autobiography of Thurlow Weed.

From the Galaxy, for February.

Immediately after the nomination of Mr. LINCOLN for President, at Chicago, in the Summer of 1860, while annoyed and dejected at the defeat of Gov. SEWARD, as I was preparing to shake the dust of the city from my feet, Messrs. DAVID DAVIS (now a Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States) and LEONARD SWEAT called at my room. These gentlemen, warm friends and zealous supporters of Mr. LINCOLN, had contributed more than all others to his nomination. After his name was presented as a candidate for President and received with favor by the citizens of Illinois, Messrs. DAVIS and SWEAT visited Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, for the purpose of commending Mr. LINCOLN to the favorable consideration of prominent men in those States. They now called to converse with me about the approaching canvass. I informed them very frankly that I was so greatly disappointed at the result of the action of the Convention as to be unable to think or talk on the subject; that I was going to pass a few days upon the prairies of Iowa; and that by the time I reached Albany I should be prepared to do my duty for the Republican cause and for its nominees. They then urged me to return home via Springfield, where we could talk over the canvass with Mr. LINCOLN, saying that they would either join me at Bloomington, where they resided, or meet me at Springfield.

After passing with a few friends a pleasant week in traveling through Iowa, I repaired to Springfield. There I found Messrs. DAVIS and SWEAT with Mr. LINCOLN. I had supposed until five minutes before I seen Mr. LINCOLN, having forgotten that in the Fall of 1858, when he took the stump in New-England, he called upon me at Albany, and that we went to see Mr. FILLMORE, who was then the Whig candidate for Vice-President. We entered immediately upon the question which really concerned the welfare of the country, and which had an especial interest for Mr. LINCOLN. We discussed freely the prospects of success, assuming that all or nearly all the slave States would be against us. The issues had already been made, and could neither be changed nor modified; but there was much that could be done, and to the manner of conducting the campaign, and in relation to States that were safe without effort, to those which required attention, and to others that were sure to be vigorously contested. Viewing these questions in their various aspects, I found Mr. LINCOLN's sagacious and practical. He sketched the selection of the convention so much good sense, such intuitive knowledge of human nature, and such familiarity with the virtues and infirmities of politicians, that I became impressed very favorably with his fitness for the duties which he was not unlikely to be called upon to perform. The conversation lasted some five hours, and when the train arrived in which we were to depart, I rose all the better prepared to "go to work with a will" in favor of Mr. LINCOLN's election, as the interview had inspired me with confidence in his capacity and integrity.

The November of that year, and after the Electoral College had shown a large majority for Mr. LINCOLN, I was invited to visit him at Springfield, where I again met my friends DAVIS and SWEAT. Mr. LINCOLN, although manifestly gratified with his election, foreseen and appreciated the difficulties which would be encountered both of the Government and of the Union. But while Mr. LINCOLN never underestimated the difficulties which surrounded him, his nature was so elastic and his temperament so cheerful, that he always seemed at ease and wonderfully well. The day I left Albany the *Evening Journal* contained an editorial on secession, which I believed, or believed, an editorial which had for its object the holding of the border slave States in the Union, so that the boundaries and strength of the rebellion might be narrowed and weakened. It maintained that radical abolitionists were playing into the hands of disunion leaders, and that both would become responsible for the civil war into which we were drifting. I comprehended the horrors of such a conflict, and implored the Northern people to keep themselves clearly in the right. I thought that if the North came into the contest, as it would see and say that the rebellion was without justification or excuse. That editorial drew the line between radical and conservative Republicans, and continued as an issue before the people during the war. It was written under a conviction of its necessity in preventing a disunion sentiment in the North, which I believed then, as I know now, that but for the conservative sentiment awakened in the Republican Party, the North would have been fatally divided. I believed, then, as I know now, that by insisting that the war was prosecuted to maintain the Government and preserve the Union, the Democratic masses, with some of their leaders, would remain loyal; while, on the other hand, if the whole Republican Party proclaimed it a war for the abolition of slavery, a united South would prove too strong for a divided North.

[MR. WEED here introduces some extracts from the Albany *Evening Journal*, which our space compels us to omit.]

This article reached Springfield by the evening mail. After reading it very attentively, Mr. LINCOLN said: "This is a heavy broadside. You have opened your fire at a critical moment, aiming at friends and foes alike. It will do some good in strengthening us with the Republicans of New-York sustain you in this view of the question?" I replied, "that I had acted upon my own sense of what was wise for our cause; that I should be denounced in most of the Republican journals; that enlightened politicians who entertained views similar to mine would rally to them, and that it would largely impair, if it did not wholly destroy, my influence in the Republican Party; but that, notwithstanding these consequences, I should unflinchingly persevere in the course I had marked out, with a clear and firm conviction that in doing so, aided by a small contingent of Republican journals, with more and more a conservative statesman, we should keep the North united in prosecuting a war which, in preserving the Government and Union, would overwhelm and destroy rebellion and slavery." Mr. LINCOLN replied, "I like these views, which I gather from your editorial, and shall, if I live, remember for his thoughts, and that, while he should watch the progress of popular sentiment, he hoped to find my apprehensions unfounded." He added, "that, while there were some loud threats and much muttering in the cotton States, he hoped that by wisdom and forbearance the danger of serious collision would be averted, as such dangers had been in former times."

And after this subject had been talked up, and over, and out, Mr. LINCOLN remarked, smiling, "that he supposed I had had some experience in cabinet-making; that he had a job on hand, and as I was a cabinet-maker, he would like my advice." I replied, "that I had no political objection to an honest discussion of the question, and that if I were legislating on the question, I should move to strike out the name of MONTGOMERY BLAIR, and insert that of WM. COST JOHNSON." Mr. LINCOLN laughingly replied, "DAVIS has been posting you up on this question. He came from Maryland, and has got COST JOHNSON on the brain. Maryland must, I think, be like New Hampshire, a good State to move from." And then he told a story of a witness in a neighboring county, who, in his first examination, was asked, "Do you, being sworn, state that he was much older, the Judge repeated the question, and on received the same answer, admonished the witness, saying that the Court knew him to be much older than sixty." "Oh!" said the witness, "you're thinking about that fifteen year court! I've been on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and that was so much lost time and don't count." This story, I perceived, was thrown in to give the conversation a new direction. It was very evident that the selection of MONTGOMERY BLAIR was a fixed fact; and although I subsequently ascertained his personal and influences were employed in the selection of other members of the Cabinet, I never did and never could find out how Mr. BLAIR got there.

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Mr. LINCOLN said in talking of Mr. BATES: "I am reminded of the advice which Mr. BATES, a distinguished lawyer of St. Louis, gave to a client thirty or forty years ago. A young man from Pittsburg, Penn., stopped at the hotel in St. Louis, and immediately placed a package of money in deposit with the branch Bank of the United States; after which, and during the day, he made several investments and drew several checks. On the following morning a person called on him to say that he was wanted at the bank, where, as he entered, he found several gentlemen in conversation, one of whom informed him that they had received information of a robbery of the bank from which the money he had deposited had been taken, and that, though delicate and unpleasant, it was deemed proper to inquire who he was, and whether he came honestly in possession of so large a sum of money. The young man replied that he was the son of a wealthy and well-known citizen of Pittsburg, but that he had no acquaintance in St. Louis, and was unable to identify himself. The bank men thought under the circumstances that it was their duty to retain the money until they could be satisfied that he was the honest owner of it. Finding himself in a tight place, the landlord advised the young man (whose name, I think, was ANDERSON) to employ counsel, and recommended him to Squire BARTON, the law partner of the famous Col. THOMAS H. BENTON. He found Squire BARTON at his office, over a store, in his shirt-sleeves, who listened attentively and without speaking until the whole case was laid before him, and then, taking the young man to an open window, said, 'That's a pretty large amount of money for a stranger to carry around with him. There've been a good many robberies lately. This's an honest way of getting a living, but some people don't find it out till they've tried it. If you're the son of Gen. ANDERSON, as I hope you are, and didn't steal that money, my advice is that you face the music, and I will stand by you; but if, as I strongly suspect, you were tempted, and that money isn't honestly yours, I advise you (pointing in the direction indicated) to make tracks for that tall timber, and to put the Mississippi between you and these bank fellows as soon as you can find a crossing.' 'And how much shall I pay for your advice?' inquired his client. 'If you intend to look it, sir. If you remain, and prove yourself an honest lad, nothing.'"

"It was now settled that Gov. SEWARD was to be Secretary of State, Gov. CHASE Secretary of the Treasury, and Mr. BATES the Attorney-General. I was satisfied that Mr. LINCOLN intended to give Mr. WELLES one of the other places in the Cabinet, that he was strongly inclined to give another place to Mr. BLAIR, and that his mind was not quite clear in regard to Gen. CAMERON. Only one place, therefore, remained open, and that, it was understood, was to be given to Indiana; but whether it was to be CALEB B. SMITH or Col. LANE, was undetermined. I inquired whether, in the shape which the question was taking, it was just or wise to concede so much more than a single Democratic element in the Republican Party. He replied that, as a Whig, he thought he could afford to be liberal to a section of the Republican Party without whose votes he could not have been elected. I admitted the justice and wisdom of this, adding that in arranging and adjusting questions of place and patronage in our State, we had acted in that spirit; but that I doubted both the justice and the wisdom, in inaugurating his Administration, of giving to a minority of the Republican Party a majority in his Cabinet. I added that the National Convention nominated unanimously an instrument of its construction by nominating for President a candidate with Whig antecedents, while its nominee for Vice-President had been for many years a Democratic Representative in Congress. "But," said Mr. LINCOLN, "why do you assume that we are giving that section of our party a majority in the Cabinet?" I replied that if Messrs. CHASE, CAMERON, WELLES and BLAIR should be designated, the Cabinet would stand four to three. "You seem to forget that I expect to be there, and counting me as one, you see how nicely the Cabinet would be balanced and balloted. Before I left Springfield," said Mr. LINCOLN, "in talking of Gen. CAMERON, you admitted that his political status was unexceptionable. I suppose we could say of Gen. CAMERON, without offense, that he is 'not Democrat enough to hurt him.' I remember that people used to say without disturbing my self-respect that I was not Jesuit enough to hurt me." I admitted that I had no political objection to Gen. CAMERON, who I was quite sure would forget whether applicants for appointment had been Whig or Democrat. I then renewed the suggestion relating to North Carolina or Tennessee, earnestly pressing its importance. Messrs. DAVIS and SWEAT united with me in these views. Mr. LINCOLN met us with strong counterviews, the force of which we were constrained to admit. "If," said Mr. LINCOLN, "contrary to our hopes, North Carolina and Tennessee should secede, could their men remain in the Cabinet? Or, if they remained, of what use would they be to the Government?" We, however, continued to press our point, until Mr. LINCOLN yielded so far as to say that he would write a letter to Hon. JOHN A. GILMER, then a member of Congress from North Carolina, briefly stating his views of the duty of the Government in reference to imports and questions then pending, and inviting him, if those views met his approval, to accept a seat in the Cabinet.

"Now," said Mr. LINCOLN, "if Mr. GILMOUR should come in, some one else must stay out, and that other somebody must be either Judge BLAIR or Mr. BATES." Messrs. DAVIS, SWEAT, and myself exclaimed against dropping Mr. BATES; and so Mr. LINCOLN left us to infer that, if Mr. GILMOUR came in, Mr. BLAIR would be excluded. Before the subject was finally dismissed, I recurred to Mr. WELLES, not, as I remarked, with any expectation of changing the programme, but to suggest that, if Mr. LINCOLN, when on his way to Washington, would stop long enough in New-York, Philadelphia, or Baltimore, to select an attractive figure-head, to be adorned with an elaborate wig and luxuriant whiskers, and transfer it from the prow of a ship to the entrance of the NAVY Department, it would, in my opinion, be quite as serviceable as his Secretary, and less expensive. "Oh," said Mr. LINCOLN, "'wooden midshipmen' answer very well in novels, but we must have a live Secretary of the Navy." In this way, the conversation being alternately earnest and playful, two days passed very pleasantly. I wish it were possible to give in Mr. LINCOLN's racing but quaint manner the many stories, anecdotes and witticisms with which he interlarded and enlivened what with almost any of his predecessors in the high office of President would have been a grave, dry consultation. The great merriment of Mr. LINCOLN's stories, like Capt. Bunsby's opinion, "lays in the application on it." They always and exactly suited the occasion and the subject, and none to which I ever listened were far-fetched or pointless. I will attempt, however, to repeat but one of them. If I have an especial fondness for any particular luxury, it manifests itself in a remarkable way when properly-made December sausages are placed before me. While at breakfast, Mr. Davis, noticing that, after having been bountifully served with sausage, Oliver Twist-like, I wanted some more, said, "You seem fond of our Chicago sausages," which I responded affirmatively, adding that I thought the article might be relied on where pork was cheaper than dogs. "That," said Mr. LINCOLN, "reminds me of Peter Cartwright's encounter with a Methodist preacher who was engaged in weighing sausages. A neighbor with whom he had had a violent quarrel that came into the grocery, made his way up to the counter, holding two enormous dead cats by the tail, which he deliberately threw on to the scales, saying, 'This makes seven today. I'll call round Monday and get my money for them.'"

In the course of our conversations, Mr. LINCOLN remarked that it was particularly pleasant to him to reflect that he was coming into office unembarrassed by promises. He owed, he supposed, his exemption from importunities to the circumstance that his name as a candidate was but a short time before the people, and that only a few sanguine friends anticipated the possibility of his nomination. "I have not," said he, "promised an office to any man, nor have I, in a single instance, mentally committed myself to an appointment; and that you relates to an important office in your State, I have concluded to mention it to you, under strict injunctions of secrecy, however. If I am not induced by public consideration to change my purpose, HENRY BARNEY will be Collector of the Port of New-York." I supposed that Mr. LINCOLN, in frankly avowing his friendship for Mr. BARNEY, intended to draw me out. I remarked that I had met him at the Chicago Convention, my acquaintance with Mr. BARNEY was very slight, but that after the Convention adjourned Mr. BARNEY joined us (my daughter and I) in a carriage, and we drove together through Iowa; and that my impressions of him, personally and politically, were favorable.

I added, that if it were true, as I had heard, that the reply of an extensive and well-known mercantile firm in New-York, during the exciting crisis, to Southern merchants, who threatened to withdraw their patronage on account of his opposition to slavery, viz.: "We offer our goods, not our principles, for sale," originated with Mr. BARNEY, it entitled him to any office that he asked for. "He has not," said Mr. LINCOLN, "asked for this or any other office, nor does he know of my intention."

And now, as I was preparing to depart, Mr. LINCOLN said: "Some gentlemen who have been quite nervous about the object of your visit here would be surprised, if not incredulous, were I to tell them that during the two days we have passed together you have made no application, suggestion, or allusion to appointments." I replied that nothing of that nature had been upon my mind, and that I was much more concerned about the welfare of the country and the successful working of his Administration, than about matters which would come to perplex all upon whom responsibilities rested, but which it might be both premature and indelicate to obtrude upon him now. "That," said Mr. LINCOLN, "is undoubtedly a proper view of the question; and yet so much were you misunderstood, that I have received telegrams from prominent Republicans warning me against your efforts to forestall important appointments in your State. Other gentlemen who have visited me since the election have expressed similar apprehensions; but I have remarked that while our friends were extremely sensitive in relation to your designs, they brought along an ax or two of their own to be ground." I told Mr. LINCOLN that I had been a great many years actively engaged in political affairs; that I had been associated in Conventions, State and national, with friends whose wishes in reference to candidates had generally been gratified; that I had never asked for, or intimated a desire for a promise or a commitment, directly or indirectly, of any description, of any candidate, from a President to a Justice of the Peace, antecedent to his nomination and election; that I had been in consultation with Gens. Clinton, Seward, Young, Fish, Hunt, Clark, King and Morgan, after their election and before their inauguration, under circumstances similar to those which had rendered my present visit a duty and a pleasure; but that I felt more than all else the weight of the honor which the confidence of distinguished statesmen in high public position conferred, to enjoy them or stultify myself by thrusting before them unseasonably mere questions of office—questions that would unavoidably come in due time to engross their thoughts and perplex their judgment.

A year or two after this visit, President LINCOLN, while talking with me about the peculiarities of his Cabinet, said that immediately after his election, thinking that the Vice-President, from his high character and long experience, was entitled to a voice in the Cabinet, he selected Gen. TAYLOR to represent New-Jersey in him, and that Mr. HAMLIN named "Father WELLES." I then informed Mr. LINCOLN that there was a precedent for the consideration he had shown for Vice-President HAMLIN; that Gen. TAYLOR, immediately after his election to the Presidency, wrote a letter to the Vice-President elect, in which, after expressing his gratification in being associated with a gentleman of large experience in the civil service of the Government, on whom he could rely for information and advice, he indicated his desire that the Vice-President should act as an *ex officio* member of his Cabinet. But when Gen. TAYLOR reached Washington, he ascertained that his views in this respect were impracticable if not unconstitutional.

It is proper to add, before closing this chapter, that Mr. LINCOLN made no the bearer of his letter to Mr. GILMORE, with which I repaired to Washington. It being an open letter, Mr. GILMORE, after reading it attentively, entered into a frank conversation with me upon the question which was exciting profound interest and anxiety in his State. I found, to my mind, that he entirely approved of the views of Mr. LINCOLN on that question, and that he was gratified with the confidence reposed in him; but that, before replying to it, he deemed it proper to confer with members of Congress from Southern States, who, like himself, were opposed to secession. The Senate adopted the "Border State Proposition" was rejected by the House of Representatives. Under these circumstances, hopeless of keeping North Carolina in the Union, Mr. GILMORE declined the offer of a seat in the Cabinet. THURLOW WEED.

Sales Hatch's Circular, No. 2—Frauds in Railroad Management—Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad.

This line is the complement of the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad, from Buffalo to Chicago—the two having a length of 962 miles; that of the former from Buffalo to Chicago being 540 miles; that of the latter from New-York to Buffalo being 442 miles. This whole line is now under the control of a single will—that of Mr. VANDERBILT—he being President of the Central, and his son-in-law, Mr. HORACE F. CLARK, being President of the Lake Shore.

Mr. VANDERBILT first appeared in the latter line in 1869-67, when he got control of the Cleveland and Toledo, in order to sever the connection of the New-York Central with the West—the opponents of this railway potentate having at that time the control of the latter road. Here he displayed his watering capacity, though in a very humble way, in the union which he effected between the Cleveland and Toledo, and the Cleveland, Painsville and Ashtabula. Upon the share capital of the former, then $5,000,000, a scrip dividend of twenty-five per cent. was paid amounting to only $1,250,000. But this was in the earlier days of Mr. VANDERBILT's railroad experience, and while he was yet a novice in the aqueous art.

In his waterings of the Cleveland and Toledo Railroad, Mr. VANDERBILT showed to poor advantage alongside of the trained veterans who for a long time held control of the Cleveland, Painsville and Ashtabula. The following statement, taken from the Annual Reports of the latter Company, of the dividends paid in six years, will show to what account its managers turned their position in this road:

Year.	Share Capital.	Bonded Debt.	Dividends In Stock Per Ct.	Dividends In Bds. Per Ct.	Dividends In Cash Per Ct.
1861..	$2,200,000	$1,833,000	10	13½	10
1862..	3,000,000	1,807,000	10	--	12
1864..	4,000,000	1,802,000	12	--	20
1865..	5,000,000	1,401,000	25	--	10
1866..	5,000,000	1,300,000	--	--	10
1867..	5,750,000	3,500,000	75	20	10
Total			150	33½	70

The aggregate dividends paid for six years equalled 253½ per cent.! The annual rate was forty per cent. The total amount paid in the six years was $6,597,000!

These dividends commenced on a Share Capital, in 1861, of $2,000,000. The happy possessor, that year, of $10,000 of stock held, at the end of six years, $22,500, in Stock and Bonds, for the original $10,000. In the meantime he received $7,000 in cash—in other words he received in dividends, in six years, $30,400, on an investment of $10,000.

Brilliant as was this achievement, it was fairly eclipsed by the managers of the Buffalo and Erie Railroad which now forms the eastern portion of the Lake Shore Line. In 1866 the Share Capital of this Road, 95 miles long, was $2,200,000. Its funded debt was $1,018,000—the total capital account being $3,218,000. In 1867 its Share Capital was watered to the tune of $2,000,000. In 1869 it was increased to $6,000,000, and its bonded debt to $4,000,000, making a total of $10,000,000, at which figures it was taken into the consolidated Company. The waterings in this case amounted to $6,778,200, in addition to annual cash dividend of ten per cent.

The waterings in the line from Buffalo to Cleveland, a distance of 203 miles, equaled $1,279,000, or $95,906 per mile. The dividends upon this stock, at eight per cent., amount to $1,070,320, or at the rate of $8,025 per mile, annually.

The waterings in the Cleveland and Toledo Railroad, as already shown, amounted to $1,250,000. In addition to the above specific waterings there was a general one, when the consolidation was entered into, to the extent of $5,440,679. The amount of the share capital and debts of the several Companies, according to these reports, immediately preceding their consolidation, was as follows:

	Share Capital.	Debts.
Michigan Southern	$12,128,600	$8,276,[illegible]
Lake Shore	15,197,700	4,642,[illegible]
Buffalo and Erie	6,000,000	4,000,000
Total	$33,326,300	$16,918,[illegible]

The total stock and debt of these lines previous to the consolidation was $51,648,921. The consolidation capital was $68,000,000. The funded and floating debt of the Company, as stated in its first annual report made after the consolidation, deducting leased roads, was $22,[illegible]. The two made an aggregate of $87,[illegible]. The total watering in the whole line, consequently, equaled $36,056,979, as follows:

Waterings in Cleveland, Painsville and Ash.	[illegible]
Waterings in Buffalo and Erie	[illegible]
Waterings in Cleveland and Toledo	[illegible]
Excess of new capital account over old	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]

This was a year ago. The capital account of this Company has since been increased to [illegible], by $48,000,000, as provision was made, by the terms of consolidation, for a bonded debt of [illegible]. It is to be presumed that [illegible] have been wholly issued.

[illegible] in the New-York Central and Hudson River [illegible] equalled $27,578,000. The waterings [illegible] the Lake Shore, added to this sum, makes a total of $37,[illegible]. The dividends paid on this stock, at eight per cent., equal $4,311,[illegible] annually. The waterings equal $70,000 per mile for the whole distance from New-York to Chicago. The dividends paid equal $8,[illegible], annually, per mile, on the whole distance.

The capital account of the New-York Central and Hudson River, and the Lake Shore Railroads, equals $180,017,309. The amount of their waterings equals $77,644,770. Their actual cost, consequently, has been $99,372,539. The waterings, $70,000 per mile, equal the cost of constructing a first-class double-track railroad, laid with steel rails, direct from New-York to Chicago, costing $100,000 to the mile, with an equipment sufficient to earn $40,000,000 annually.

The present charge for transporting freight over the line, equals, say two and one-half cents per ton per mile. Of this sum, one-and-one-quarter cents per ton per mile represent cost of transportation—and one and one-quarter cents per ton per mile,

THE TAYLOR WILL.

The Examination Yesterday—An Expert on the Stand—His Testimony—Cross-Examination—The Case from a Scientific Point of View.

Proceedings in the matter of the contested will of JAMES B. TAYLOR, deceased, were again resumed before Hon. R. C. HUTCHINGS, yesterday, and, as has been the case since the trial opened, the Court-room was crowded with interested spectators. The only witness examined was Mr. JOSEPH E. PAINE, an expert in handwriting, who was placed upon the stand on the part of the contestant. Mr. PAINE was one of the experts who gave evidence in the noted Parsell will case; and having had much experience in relation to penmanship, and the connection with forgery cases, the testimony he gave was of some weight. Before the examination of the witness was commenced, the proponents of the instrument of the will, and the question argued at length by the respective counsel in the cause. The testimony was however adjourned, and a recapitulation of the proceedings will be found below:

JOSEPH E. PAINE, called for contestant, testified: I am employed in the counting-house of A. A. LOW & BROTHERS, in this City; have made the subject of handwriting a study to a considerable extent; have formed a classification in facility with writing to such a degree as to be able to distinguish between a genuine and a forged hand.

The signature of "JAMES B. TAYLOR" on a paper exhibits was then shown witness, and Mr. CLINTON, contestant's counsel, requested him to state the characteristics as shown in these signatures, acknowledged to be genuine. This mode of procedure was objected to by Mr. BROUGHTON, opposing counsel, who argued that the testimony was inadmissible, and to admit it established a dangerous precedent, and that it was a comparison of hands, and belonged to a class of evidence rarely if ever admitted; that a witness who had never seen the signature of the testator in his life was not qualified as a witness, and that the testimony of so-called experts was not admissible. Mr. CLINTON, in response, cited several cases from Massachusetts and Pennsylvania reports, and also one or two from those of this State, from which authorities he claimed that the right to introduce experts as witnesses was established, particularly in criminal cases. Mr. BROUGHTON replied, and in referring to the cases quoted said that in each instance when a comparison of hands was allowed a personal knowledge of the writer's handwriting was required; that this testimony was added, he should contend, to the right to claim that the papers hitherto admitted in the trial were not genuine, and if genuine then immaterial. Judge HUTCHINGS in deciding the question remarked:

"I observe, on reading the testimony, that some letters were presented for the purpose of showing the affectionate relations continuing to exist on the part of the testator toward his granddaughter, the contestant. They are therefore properly in evidence, outside the question of handwriting, and within the Court of Appeals' decision in VAN WYCK vs. McCLURKEN, (14 N. Y. Reports,) so far as to see the subject of comparison with the signature of the paper propounded as the will of the decedent. There was no objection by the proponents to the admission of these letters, and I must therefore assume that their genuineness was not disputed."

The will in question was next introduced, together with other signatures attached to papers signed by the deceased, and the witness was required to describe the peculiarities existing.

Question by Mr. ANTHON, counsel for DURYEA—Did you ever see Mr. TAYLOR write? Without, Yes, Sir.

The witness then proceeded to testify at length, it being understood that the entire testimony was objected to on the part of the proponents. He said, in his opinion, the signature to the will was characterized by too great regularity, thus giving it a mechanical form; that the motion was a slow one, and not natural, as was usual with the writer; that the "J" in the "James" was made with evident care, more pressure being applied in some places than in others. The witness then described the various letters of the signature in detail, showing, as he claimed, peculiarities in each instance. Having finished the list, the other signatures were similarly criticised, and differences pointed out. The examination was one of great length, and of importance, but not of general public interest. The testimony, being mainly an explanation of technical peculiarities and differences, and being called an expert for the contestant, it can well be seen that the evidence was so framed as to convey the impression that the signature to the will was a forgery, the handwriting being shown to differ, in all essential particulars, from the genuine signature of the deceased. The witness was asked if there was a resemblance in the handwriting of the body of the will, which he is objected to, Mr. CLINTON remarked that he desired to make no secret of the matter, but that, on the part of the contestant, no doubt existed but that the will was both drawn and signed by the same person. The evidence was adjourned, and certain letters in which the body of the instrument selected by the witness which he claimed, were similar in their characteristics to those observable in the signature. General particulars of resemblance were also pointed out. The theory that the will was made and signed by the same person, Mr. PAINE stated, was, in his opinion, not inconsistent; and in concluding his evidence he also said that in his judgment there were no similar characteristics existing between the signature and the will, and the signatures attached to the five exhibits, in regard to which he had testified.

The cross-examination was reserved until to-day at 11 o'clock, to which hour the case was adjourned.

A Father in Pursuit of His Three Children.

In the Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday, before Judge SUTHERLAND, one THOMAS H. SCOTT, a colored man, made application, by virtue of a writ of habeas corpus, for the custody of his three children, who were recently taken from him by the wife and mother. In answer to a question put by the Court to Mr. SCOTT, the latter stated that his wife had abandoned him without cause, and had taken the three children with her. As to whether she was living or dead he could not know; she was in the habit of visiting the missionaries quite often. On the other side, it was stated that SCOTT's wife left him on account of his brutal and inhuman treatment of herself and children. The argument of the case was postponed to Wednesday, the 18th inst.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

At the Exchange yesterday, Jan. 16, a transaction of some importance was effected as follows: JAMES M. MILLER, by order of the Supreme Court in foreclosure, under the direction of D. P. INGRAHAM, Jr., Esq., referee, disposed of the business premises known as No. 107 Reade-st., running through to Chambers-st., being numbered on Chambers-st. that street No. 109. The lot is 23 feet in depth, 24 feet 7 inches front on one street, and 22 feet 6 inches on the other. The terms were cash, gold, and after some competition the property was sold to Mr. DAVID S. PAINE, for $25,100, or in currency, with gold at 116, for $29,116. No other sale was made nor adjournments announced.

No special sales are noticed to take place at the Exchange today, but tomorrow will be an active one. MULLER, WILKINS & CO., holding the important sale of houses and lots belonging to the Cram estate, and ROBERTS & McGUIRE disposing of some valuable City property. For to-morrow, also, in Brooklyn, an important sale is advertised by J. COLE, real estate auctioneer of that city. It will take place at the Commercial Exchange, No. 389 Fulton-street, and large amount of property is offered as follows: Five brown-stone houses and lots on Bedford-avenue, four houses and lots on Lafayette-avenue, and six houses and lots on Heyward-street; also, twenty-two lots situated on Third and Flatbush avenues, and on Bedford, Sackett, Hart, Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, respectively. The sale, a noticeable one, is made by order of the Brooklyn Trust Company, and it is announced as positive.

It the large list of desirable City houses advertised in this column, at private sale, yesterday, by ADRIAN H. MULLER, SANDS & GARRETSON, the place of business of the firm was erroneously printed No. 121 Cedar-street, instead of No. 97, the proper number.

Exchange Sale, Monday, Jan. 16, 1871.

NEW-YORK.

By James M. Miller.

Factory store and lot, No. 101 Reade-st., running through to Chambers-st., No. 109, 24.7x22.6 ..... $25,100, gold

Transfers of Real Estate.

KINGS COUNTY.

Brooklyn.

Adams-st., w. s., 69.10 ft. n. of Myrtle-av., 21x64.4 ..... $4,700
Bainbridge-st., s. s., 440 ft. w. of Lewis-av., 40x100, h. and l. 2,300
Broadway and Kosciusko-st., n. w. corner, 50x100 600
Dorset-st., e. s., 66 ft. w. of Lafayette-av., 22x90.4, h. and l. 2,300
Downing-st., s. s., 100 ft. w. of Franklin-av., 20x100 2,100
Henry-st., e. s., 100 ft. s. of Clark-st., 25x100 20,000
Palmetto-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of Johnston-st., 25x100 400
Traverse-st., e. s., 90 ft. s. of Seckman-st., 60x100 1,200
Traverse-st., e. s., 415.4 ft. s. of Stone-av., 19.6x100 400
Atlantic-av., n. s., 62 ft. w. of Grand-av., 22x70 3,000
Atlantic-av., n. s., 127 ft. w. of Grand-av., 22x100 2,000
Bedford-av. and Raymond-st., n. e. corner, 102x70 1,100
Black Rock New-York-av., e. s., 94.6 ft. w. of Hedges-av., 32x100 900
Tompkins-av., w. s., 60 ft. n. of Halsey-st., 20x50, mortgage $4,000 5,500
Washington-av., e. s., 341 ft. s. of Pacific-st., 63.1x92.8x48.6x200.7 ft. 4,100
Webster-av., e. s., 325 ft. s. of 3d-st., 45.6x100.3 1,000
Webster-av., e. s., 425 ft. s. of 3d-st., 45.6x100.3, adjoining above, 45.6x100.3 1,000
4th-av., w. s., 76 ft. s. w. of 16th-st., 61.3x90.9x38x73x100x48.7x63.7x49.11 7,300

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Mamaroneck.

Lot No. 46 First Sub Grand Park $930

New-Rochelle.

Washington-av., n. s., 337 ft. from Webster-av., 50x175 ..... $700

Yonkers.

Woodworth-av., w. s., 110 ft. s. of Lamartine-av., 40x200 ..... $800
Palisade-av., e. s., 148 ft. n. of High-st., 100x380 2,300

NEW-JERSEY.

Newark.

Barnes-st., w. s., 125 ft. n. of Crane-st., 25x100 ..... $800
Carter-st., lots No. 24 and 25, each 25x100 800

Orange.

Bigelow-st., n. s., 77 ft. from Market-building, 33.6x114 ..... $150

Jersey City.

Lot No. 12, block No. 61, Van Vorst map, 22x100 ..... $5,100
Union-st., n. s., 325 ft. w. of Ocean-st., 25x100 700
Bay-av. and 1st-st., s. w. corner, 100x104 4,000
North 8th-st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of Jersey-av., 25x100 2,750
South 3d-st., n. s., 325 ft. w. of Grove-st., 16.5x100 2,000
Oxford-av., lot No. 56, block No. 1, Buck's map, 25x87 400

Hoboken.

Park-av., e. s., lots Nos. 20 to 21 inclusive, Winter estate, each 25x100 1,600
Garden-st., w. s., lot No. 30, block No. 64, Coster estate, 25x100 700

North Bergen.

Lots No. 9 and 31, Hexamer's maps, 25x100 ..... $200
8 acres of cedar swamp, adjoining De Witt's 320

Bergenline.

13th-st., adjoining John Vreeland's, 20x100 ..... $450

Union.

Bergen line road, w. s., lot No. 1,068, Hexamer's map, 25x115 ..... $275

CITY REAL ESTATE.

D. M. ASAMAN, NO. 14 PINE-ST., offers at PRIVATE SALE a large number first-class and medium-priced houses in all sections of the City; VACANT LOTS in all locations; BUSINESS PROPERTY on all the leading avenues and streets. AUCTION SALES FOR EXECUTORS and others made on favorable terms.

A.—FOR SALE, ON 3D-AV., VALUABLE well-located corner store property.

A.—Four-story full-stoned brick and brown-stone house, 26th-st., near 6th-av.

Also,

A.—Four-story brick house, 12th-st., near 4th-av.

Also,

A.—Four-story medium-sized brown-stone house, 35 16th-st., near 6th-av.

Also,

A.—Four-story medium-sized brown-stone house, 20th-st., near 5th-av.

Also,

A.—Full-sized new dwelling, 10th-av., near 44th-st.

Also,

A.—Printed list of houses and stores for occupancy or investment. V. E. STEVENSON & SON, No. 11 Pine-st.

CITY HOUSES, FOR SALE.

24th-st., near 6th-av.—Three-story B. & brick $16,000
21st-st., near 8th-av.—Three-story B. & b. h. 22,000
23d-st., near 6th-av.—Four-story B. & S. h. 22,000
47th-st., near 6th-av.—Four-story B. & h. h. 22,000
21st-st., near Madison-av.—Three-story B. h. 22,000
23d-st., near 5th-av.—Three-story basement B. h. 22,000

TO EXCHANGE.

52d-st., near Lexington-av.—Two houses for City lots.
57th-st., near 2d-av.—Two houses for country seat.
125th-st., near 8th-av.—One house for house below 125th-st.

Apply to WINANS, SANDS & GARRETSON, No. 97 Cedar-st.

FRANK G. BROWN, Son of Lewis B. Brown, Esq. DAVISON BROWN, Son of Stewart Brown, Esq.

FRANK G. & DAVISON BROWN,
REAL ESTATE BROKERS,
No. 120 Broadway, New-York.
Refer by permission to Messrs. Brown Brothers & Co., Wm. E. Dodge, Esq.

SIXTH-AV.

For sale by TAYLOR & STEARNS, No. 11, Pine-st. Also, other points in the town on the avenue. Diagrams and prices given personally or by mail.

FOUR-STORY HIGH-STOOP BROWN stone, west of 6th-av., on 52d-st., $24,000.
Three-story high-stoop brown-stone, east of 6th-av., on 27th-st., at a sacrifice.
Three-story brick, east of 6th-av., on 52d-st., will be sold very low.
Three-story, high-stoop brown-stone on 52d-st., between 3d and 4th-avs., or will trade.
Three-story high-stoop brown-stone on 61st-st., near Lexington-av.
We have several building lots for sale at a very low price at B. S. LEVY & CO.'S, No. 321 West 59th-st., near 8th-av.

SOUTH-ST., NEAR WALL.—FOR SALE or exchange, $1,100 ground-rent, together with the wharfage right in front of same, the property now yielding a rental of $2,200 per year; price only $20,000. Further particulars at WARD & OGDEN, Broadway, corner 17th-st.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE OR TO LEASE FOR A TERM OF YEARS.—A house and two lots, 75 by 100, north side of 16th-st., near 6th-av., Brooklyn. Inquire of J. M. FULLER, No. 244 Fulton-st., New-York.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

TO LET OR FOR SALE.—AT ELIZABETH, furnished 12 room house; modern fittings; rent desired; will take in part or whole; or will trade; location 11 cents per trip on favorite line of travel. Inquire at West Elizabeth (Grove-st.) station, or address G. C., Box No. 325 Post-office, New-York.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

TO EXCHANGE FOR NEW-YORK OR JERSEY CITY PROPERTY.—Farm of 100 acres; stock, crops, tools, &c.; good buildings, fruit, etc.; three miles from Millville, one-half mile from station, on Pennsylvania Railroad; new buildings; free and clear. M. D. MELLICK, JR., & BROTHER, No. 9 Pine-st.

ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES, lands and village lots for sale; a great variety. Daily stages, 40 minutes to 1 hour from N. Y. Also, 1 house and lot, Orange Valley, rent cost one year, by BLACKWELL & SMITH, 261 Broadway, 5 to 11; or Orange, corner Main and Cone sts.

STORES, &C., TO LET.

OFFICES TO LET.

WITH ALL THE MODERN IMPROVEMENTS, SPLENDID LIGHT AND VENTILATION, SUITABLE FOR

Bankers, Brokers, Merchants, Lawyers, Railway, Insurance and Steamship Companies,

IN BUILDINGS

Nos. 38, 39, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60 BROADWAY.
Nos. 5, 7, 11, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37 BROAD-ST.
Nos. 2, 4, 6, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 BROAD-ST.
Nos. 53 and 57 EXCHANGE-PLACE.
Nos. 4 and 6 WALL-ST.
Nos. 4 and 10 WALL-ST.
APPLY AT THE OFFICE OF
EDWARD MATTHEWS,
Nos. 4 and 6 BROAD-ST.

OFFICES TO LET IN THE BIBLE-HOUSE.—Astor-pl., 8th and 9th sts. Desirable rooms for offices, on second story, fronting on Astor-place; rooms heated by steam. Apply at Treasurer's office, 4th-st.

REAL ESTATE WANTED.

WANTED—GOOD TENEMENT PROPERTY, in exchange for a valuable steam laundry near the City; everything requisite for the business; now in use and paying well. Apply to WINANS, SANDS & GARRETSON, No. 97 Cedar-st.

WANTED—A MEDIUM-SIZE BRICK OR brown-stone high-stoop house in a good neighborhood, in exchange for unencumbered vacant lots in Grand-st., of the City. Address CASTOR, Box No. 4,218 Post-office.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

SUPREME COURT SALE IN PARTITION OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE, ON BROADWAY, NORTH-EAST CORNER OF 31ST-ST., ON 6TH-AV., NORTH-EAST CORNER 13TH-ST., ON CANAL-ST., AND ON WOOSTER AND LAURENS, STS., RUNNING THROUGH AND FRONTING ON EACH STREET.

ADRIAN H. MULLER will sell at auction on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 18, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order of the Supreme Court, at public auction, under the direction of Henry Wurzel, Esq., Referee, the following-described real estate, viz.:

BROADWAY.—The five four-story stores and lots on the north easterly side of Broadway and 31st-st., Nos. 802, 804, 806, 808 and 810 BROADWAY, the entire plot having a front on Broadway of over 124 feet.

FOURTH-AVENUE.—The four-story marble and brick dwelling and lot, with extensions on the rear, on north-east corner of 4th-av. and 17th-st., opposite the Everett House and Union-square, 25 by 115 feet.

CANAL-STREET.—The two stores and lots on the north side of Canal-st., between Wooster and Laurens-sts., Nos. 458 and 460 Canal-st.

WOOSTER-STREET.—The eleven three-story and attic brick buildings and lots on the westerly side of Wooster-st., 175 feet 4 inches north of Canal-st., Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23 Wooster-st., having a front of 200 feet on Wooster-st.

LAURENS-STREET (or 5th-av. extension.)—The eight brick tenements and lots on the easterly side of Laurens-st., in the rear of the lots on Wooster-st., Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 Laurens-st., making together a front of 102 feet 6 inches on Laurens-st.

Either parcel may remain on bond and mortgage of the premises for five years.

Maps may be had at the office of the auctioneer, No. 7 Pine-st., or of Lewis L. Delafield, Plaintiff's Attorney, No. 68 Broadway, corner Pine-st.

J. COLE, Auctioneer.

POSITIVE SALE BY ORDER OF THE Brooklyn Trust Company: Five splendid brown-stone residences in Brooklyn to be sold at auction, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 18, at 12 o'clock, at the Commercial Exchange, No. 389 Fulton-st., (opposite City Hall,) Brooklyn:

Five first-class brown-stone front houses, on the east side of Bedford-av., (Boulevard,) between Willoughby and De Kalb avs., equipped with all modern improvements.

Also, one vacant lot, north side Hart-st., 100 feet east from Tompkins-av.

Also, at the same time and place, one lot on Flatbush-av. and Bulkhead.

Also, one splendid lot on Sackett-st., between 8th-av. and the Park.

Also,

EIGHTEEN HOUSES AND LOTS.

MONROE-STREET.—Two houses and four lots on south side, 325 feet east from Bedford-av.

MONROE-STREET.—Double house, four lots and stable, on the north side, 185 feet east from Bedford-av.

LAFAYETTE-AVENUE.—Four houses and lots, north side, 25 feet east from Reed-av.

HEYWARD-STREET.—Six houses and lots, north side, 75 feet, 6 inches east from Lee-av.

Also, fifteen lots on 3d-av., 22d and 23d sts.

For maps, terms, &c., apply to the auctioneer's, No. 389 Fulton-st., Brooklyn.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

ROBERTS & MCGUIRE, Auctioneers.

A.—SUPREME COURT SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED PROPERTY, corner 24-av. and 24th-st.

ROBERTS & MCGUIRE, Auctioneers, will sell at auction on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 18, 1871, at 12 o'clock, noon, At the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, under direction of DANIEL P. INGRAHAM, Jr., Esq., Referee, the five-story and cellar brick house (with stoop) and lot known as No. 522 24-av., north-east corner 24th-st. This street is 100 feet wide, and has ferry and railroad connections with all parts of Long Island, and is one of the finest business corners in the City. The four-story and finished back basement brick house and lot No. 307 East 24th-st.

Maps at the auctioneers' office, No. 97 Cedar-st.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO., Auctioneers.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF THE ESTATE OF J. Clement, at 12 o'clock, Jan. 18, 1871, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, New-York, viz.: Buildings and lots, No. 11 Pine-st., No. 23 Mercer-st., No. 48 Liberty-st., 8 x, distributing in packet ships of the Black Ball line; $3,500 scrip Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, and 401 acres 111 perches of land in Monroe County, Penn. Particulars at auctioneers' office, No. 9 Pine-st.

FINANCIAL.

THE NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY,
OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.
NO. 536 BROADWAY.
CAPITAL - $1,000,000
DEPOSITS, OVER $5,000,000.

PAYS 4 PER CENT. INTEREST ON DEPOSITS SUBJECT TO CHECK AT SIGHT.

PAYS 5 PER CENT. INTEREST ON SPECIAL DEPOSITS FOR SIX MONTHS OR LONGER.

THE COMPANY IS A LEGAL DEPOSITORY FOR MONEYS PAID INTO COURT, AND RECEIVES MONEYS IN TRUST.

DARIUS P. MANGAM, President.
B. L. SOLOMON, First Vice-President. HENRY F. SANCHOUT, Second Vice-President.
JAMES MERRELL, Secretary.

VERMILYE & CO.
BANKERS,
16 and 18 Nassau-st., New-York.

DEALERS IN ALL ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.
BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION
RAILWAY STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD.
MAKING LIBERAL ADVANCES.
INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

8 Per Cent. Interest
FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS
OF THE ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER CITY RAILROAD COMPANY,
FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED.
Principal and Interest Payable in Gold.
Mortgage at the rate of $11,500 per mile.
ROAD COMPLETED AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
Price 97½ and accrued interest.
We unhesitatingly recommend these, and will furnish maps, circulars, &c., on application.
W. P. CONVERSE & CO.,
No. 54 Pine-st.
TANNER & CO.,
No. 11 Wall-st.

BANKING HOUSE OF
Geo. Opdyke & Co.
25 Nassau-st.
CORNER OF CEDAR-ST.

FOUR PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED on current accounts, subject to check at sight.
PRIME INVESTMENTS for trust and other funds always on hand.
INVESTMENT ORDERS promptly executed for Stocks, Gold, Government and Other Securities.
COLLECTIONS WANTED ON CHICAGO, KEOKUK, DES MOINES, IOWA CITY, ST. JOSEPH, and other points in the Western States.

CITY STOCKS,
THE BEST SECURITY IN THE WORLD,
SEVEN (7) PER CENTS,
TWENTY TO THIRTY YEARS TO RUN.
DITTO DUE IN 1874-75.
FOR SALE BY
HENRY K. SISTARE,
No. 34 Nassau-st.
P. S.—City to be bought and sold.

STAR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 46 Broadway.

AT AN ELECTION HELD AT THE office of this Company, Jan. 9, 1871, the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year:

LEVI AGGAS, D. S. MOSES,
C. H. APPLEGATE, NICK. CARLLER,
C. V. L. BOGERT, WM. C. OWENS,
PETER R. ANDERSON, JOHN F. PURKS,
BENT. BEADLESTON, EDGAR PINCHOT,
ALBERT CONSTABLE, FRANCIS RAY,
MARTIN Y. BUNN, G. W. F. RANDOLPH,
ARIAN CURTIS, CHAS. R. RICHARD,
CHAS. DENISON, CHAS. SPRAG,
JOHN DUNCAN, GEO. W. SAVAGE,
JAMES FLANAGAN, A. T. TEFFT,
DANIEL FOSTER, JOHN C. TUCKER,
ALLAN MAY, STEPHEN VIELE,
ALEX. MCCLURE, WM. WOOD.
ZACHARIAH JAQUES, S. CORNELL WHITE,
T. C. KIMBALL.

And, at a subsequent meeting of the Board, held Jan. 11, MICHOLAS C. MILLER was re-elected President, and JOHN G. FLANAGAN, Secretary.

JAMES M. HODGES, Secretary.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 59 WALL-ST.
Issue COMMERCIAL and TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

HANOVER NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Jan. 21, 1871.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION, HELD on the 9th instant, the following named gentlemen were elected Directors, viz.:

WILLIAM H. JOHNSON,
JAMES STUART,
EDWARD BRIDGE,
CHARLES A. COE,
JOHN F. SEYMOUR,
SAMUEL B. ROXENBAUGH,
ISAAC N. BEEKMAN,
ROBERT SCHELL,
CHARLES STANTON,
JOSEPH W. GREENE,
ISAAC N. SEYMOUR,
JOSEPH SLAGG,
THOMAS FAKIN,
ALBERT S. RAND,
JAMES E. SMITH.

At the meeting of the Board this day, WILLIAM H. JOHNSON was unanimously re-elected President.

JOHN T. BARKER, Cashier.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 16, 1871.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRAKER OIL COMPANY, of the City of New-York, capital of the Company is $500,000. Stock for the full amount of said capital was issued in payment of the property, real estate on Oil Creek, Penn., as heretofore reported necessary for the business of the Company, and the full stock, not liable to any further call or assessment. The amount of the existing debts of the Company does not exceed $500.

CHARLES STORRS, President.
CHARLES STORRS,
D. S. ARNOLD,
GEORGE WILCOX,
B. RICHMOND,
D. L. BANNING,
A. L. DICKINSON,
Trustees.

State of New-York, City and County of New-York, ss.:

DANIEL S. ARNOLD, being duly sworn, says that he is the Secretary of the Shaker Farm Oil Company, and that the above report is signed by the President and a majority of the Trustees of said Company, and that the same is true.

DANIEL S. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Sworn to before me, this 16th day of January, 1871.
H. P. ALLEN, Notary Public.

OFFICE OF THE WILKES-BARRE COAL AND IRON COMPANY, NO. 60 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 16, 1871.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Wilkes-Barre Coal and Iron Company for the election of directors and transaction of such other business as may be presented, will be held at the office of the Company at Wilkes-Barre, Penn., on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 25, 1871, at 11 o'clock A. M. The polls will close at 12 o'clock M.

Transfer books will be closed from this date until the 26th inst., both days inclusive. By order.

WM. H. TILLINGHAST, Secretary.

OFFICE OF WELLS, FARGO AND COMPANY, NO. 65 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1871.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Company for the election of Directors will be held on SATURDAY, Feb. 4, next, at the office of the Company.

The polls will close at 12 M. and reopen Feb. 6 at 10 A. M.

THEO. F. WOOD, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE BROADWAY INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 408 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 16, 1871.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRectors of this Company, and for inspectors of the next election, will be held at the office of the Company, on WEDNESDAY, 18th inst., Polls open from 12 M. until 1 o'clock.

JOHN WRAY, Secretary.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF SEVEN per cent. bonds of the City of New-Albany, Ind., having twenty years to run, are for sale at 90 and accrued interest at the Chatham National Bank. The total debt of the City, including these bonds, is $274,000.

FINANCIAL.

Montclair Railway
NEW-JERSEY
7 PER CENT.
GOLD
1ST MORTGAGE
BONDS,
INDORSED BY THE
NEW-YORK AND OSWEGO Midland Railroad Co,
FOR SALE IN
DENOMINATIONS
OF
$1,000, $500 AND $100.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
EXCHANGED AT MARKET RATES.

SEND FOR CIRCULAR AND MAP.

LEONARD, SHELDON & FOSTER,
BANKERS,
NO. 10 WALL-ST.

NINTH WARD BANK,
(ORGANIZED UNDER STATE CHARTER.)
CAPITAL $200,000, SUBJECT TO INCREASE TO $500,000.
THIS BANK
Is now open for business at
NO. 2 ABINGDON-SQUARE.

The bank invites the accounts of the merchants and residents of the Ninth Ward and vicinity, and assures all depositors that they will be liberally dealt with, and every facility afforded consistent with sound banking. Collections made on all points in the United States and Canada.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

WILLIAM FAXON,
FRED. BOHDE, Bohde & Dunther, 204 Fulton-st.
JOHN H. BEERMAN, Jefferson Market.
EDWARD GREENE, Laflin & Rand Powder Co., Parkerson.
EDGAR J. BROWN, Brown & Sipes, 229 Broadway.
JAMES QUEEN, 624 Hudson-st.
PHILLIP HERRMAN, 355 West 14th-st.
W. H. GRAY, 25 and 27 Wooster-st.
WILLIAM A. WERMILYE,
NATHANIEL W. OGDEN,
EDWARD J. QUINTARD,
ADOS SMITH, JR.,
DAVID S. TURNURE,
JOHN WADSWORTH.

Were duly elected Directors of this Bank for the ensuing year.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, FRANKLIN CHANDLER, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President. R. F. READING, Cashier.

ATLANTA AND RICHMOND AIR-LINE RAILWAY COMPANY from Charlotte, N. C., to Atlanta, Ga., 265 miles, to connect north with Montgomery with Mobile and New-Orleans, and north via Greensborough and Danville with Richmond, Va., and there with the Richmond and Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, the Great Trunk line for passengers to and from Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New-York.

FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS,
$14,000 PER MILE.
Thirty years to run from 1st July, 1870.
Bonds may be registered through transfer agent in New-York.
Interest at the rate of Eight per Cent.
Coupons payable in New-York.
All United States taxes paid by the Company.
A limited amount offered at 94 by
LANCASTER, BROWN & CO.,
No. 32 Nassau-st.

NATIONAL BANK OF THE COMMONWEALTH, NEW-YORK, Jan. 16, 1871.

AT AN ELECTION HELD THIS DAY for Directors of this Bank, the following gentlemen were duly elected, viz.:

EDWARD RAIGHT, CORNELIS K. SUTTON,
WM. M. GAUTIER, BENJ. J. HOWLAND,
GUSTAV SCHWABACHER, FRANCIS HENRIQUES,
PAUL T. STOFFORD, AUG. H. RAIGHT,
REUBEN MANLEY, JAMES EMOTT,
GEORGE ELLIS.

OFFICE OF HARTFORD AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1871.

NOTICE—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF the stockholders of the Hartford and New-Haven Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, in Hartford, on the 25th day of the month of January inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., for the choice of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may then be brought before the meeting.

The transfer-books will be closed from the 11th to the 25th January, both days inclusive.

R. F. CONNER, Secretary.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN—THAT a meeting of the Stockholders of the New-York and Hempstead Railroad Company will be held at the office of the said Company, No. 18 Broadway, New-York, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 1, 1871, at 12 o'clock M., at which will be submitted for consideration an agreement for the consolidation of said Company with the Hempstead and Rockaway Railroad Company.

THOS. C. GOETCHIUS, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1870.

ROWERY NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1871.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders for the election of Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before them, will be held at the banking-house, on Jan. 12, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

R. HAMILTON, Cashier.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a meeting of the stockholders of the Hempstead and Rockaway Railroad Company will be held at the office of said Company, No. 18 Broadway, New-York, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 1, 1871, at 1 o'clock P. M., at which will be submitted for consideration an agreement for the consolidation of said Company with the New-York and Hempstead Plains Railroad Company.

THOS. C. GOETCHIUS, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1870.

OFFICE OF THE DUBUQUE AND SIOUX CITY R. R. CO., DUBUQUE, Iowa, Jan. 13, 1871.

NOTICE—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF the stockholders of the Dubuque and Sioux City Railroad Company for the election of Directors will be held at the office of the Company, in Dubuque, Iowa, on MONDAY, Feb. 13, 1871.

C. H. BOOTH, Secretary.

MONEY TO LOAN ON DESIRABLE IMPROVED and unimproved City, and Brooklyn improved real estate; mortgages promptly cashed; principals only deals with.
WM. SINCLAIR, JR., & CO., No. 3 Pine-st.

FINANCIAL.

First Mortgage
BONDS
OF THE
Nashville and Decatur Railroad.
FOR PARTICULARS SEE TO-MORROW'S PAPER.
FOR SALE BY
Drexel, Winthrop & Co.,
NO. 19 WALL-ST.
N. Y. Guaranty and Indemnity Co.,
No. 59 Broadway and Exchange-court.

INDIA NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 16, 1871.

AT AN ELECTION HELD THIS DAY the following-named gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year, viz.:

JOHN CASTREE,
DAVID B. MORGAN,
JOHN ROMER,
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON,
ISAAC GDELL,
WM. A. THOMSON,
CHARLES BURKHALTER,
JOHN T. WILSON,
HECTOR ARMSTRONG,
HARVEY P. WARRINGTON,
FRANCIS D. LOCKWOOD.

At a meeting of the Board, held on the 16th inst., JOHN CASTREE, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President. JOHN L. JEWETT, Jr., Cashier.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAY COMPANY.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PREFERRED holders of this Company will be held at the office of the Company, in Cleveland, Ohio, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 25, 1871, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M., to vote upon a proposition to aid in the construction of and leasing a line of railroad between Springfield, and Cincinnati, Ohio, and Richmond, Ind., with the Cincinnati, Sandusky and Cleveland Railroad Company for running, and "boot" arrangements.

The transfer-books will be closed on the evening of Jan. 14, and reopened on Jan. 26, 1871.

By order of the Board of Directors.

GEO. H. RUSSELL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE EAGLE FIRE CO., NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1871.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Company, held on 10th inst., the following gentlemen were elected:

JAMES N. CORE, WILLIAM B. ASTEN,
JOHN G. JONES, JOSEPH SAMPSON,
W. H. ARPENWALL, GEORGE A. JONES,
ROBERT RAY, WILLIAM E. GUION,
R. LENOX KENNEDY, JAMES A. ROOSEVELT,
SANFORD COBB, HENRY MEYER,
PHILIP M. LYDIG.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, SANFORD COBB was unanimously re-elected President.

A. J. CLINTON, Secretary.

A LARGE AMOUNT OF TRUST FUNDS to loan on first, second and mortgages on improved real estate in the City, Brooklyn, New-Jersey and Westchester County, in sums to suit small amounts. Principals only address Post-office, Box 4,063, New-York.

DIVIDENDS.

Thirty-first Dividend.

PHENIX INSURANCE COMPANY, BROOKLYN, N.Y., Jan. 16, 1871.

Stockholders are hereby notified that a Semi-annual Dividend of SIX (6) PER CENT., free from Government tax, has this day been declared, payable on demand at their office in New-York, No. 172 Broadway.

PHILAD

SHIPPING.

CUNARD LINE.

NATIONAL LINE.

SHIPPING.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND SPANISH.

NARRAGANSETT STEAM-SHIP CO.

STEAMBOATS.

RAILROADS.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.

NEW-YORK AND PHILADELPHIA RAILROAD.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

HELP WANTED.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

SAVINGS BANKS.

EXCELSIOR SAVINGS BANK.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION,

NO. 96 WASHINGTON-ST., NEW-YORK.

NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK.

EXTRA DIVIDEND.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK.

HOWARD SAVINGS BANK.

DRY GOODS.

R. H. MACY.

MILLINERY.

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too palpable to need extended comment. One side of the Mona channel being already under Spanish rule, the possession of the Bay of Samana would give the absolute control of the main entrance to the Caribbean Sea, with the political and military consequences that would flow from that fact. After sacrificing many thousand lives in endeavoring to force monarchical institutions upon a people, who, as represented by the Consular officer of the United States, were of the opinion that America should be ruled by Americans, Spain abandoned the project.

THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

About the month of August, 1869, a Provisional Government was established, and a call was made for the election of delegates to a Convention for the purpose of framing a Constitution. A strong feeling in favor of a more intimate connection with this country found immediate expression in the Consular correspondence. Under date of the 28th of August, the consular officer of the United States wrote to the Department that in the month of August, four Commodores of the United States Navy—Commodores MEWSON, with Gen. GEORGE B. MCCLELLAN and other officers, who visited the Bay of Samana for the purpose of establishing a naval station in that port of bays for the United States Government, "I am sure it would be a good one." Government, "I am sure it would be a good one."

THE SOUTHER REVOLUTION.

Before the Convention to frame a new Constitution was, the Provisional Government was overthrown by what the Consular officer styled "a bloody revolution," and Gen. JOSE MARIA CABRAL was by proclamation announced as the "Protector of the Republic." (Dispatch of Dec. 26, 1868.) In the same paper the Consular officer says: "Indeed the influence of our glorious Union will make this Protectorate, or, shall I say, President, a loyal friend." Only three days after, he says in the same dispatch, that Cabral "is a decided Annexationist."

On the 6th of October, 1868, Cabral resigned his position as Protector of the Republic, and the Convention that followed the deposition of the Spaniards appears to have been carried by the election of the President of Gen. BAEZ, a strong representative of the idea of universal suffrage, and by the adoption of a Constitution in December, which was, on the subsequent April, (1866,) set aside and a former Constitution, adopted in 1844, substituted in its place. The Consular officer styles the proceedings with which this was done as a farce. The third article of that first title of this Constitution is probably the one referred to in the resolution of the Senate, "The territory of the Republic is and shall remain inalienable." Gen. BAEZ appears to have acted as President until the following August, when, after three military chiefs, SIMONCAL, GARCIA and LUTEROM, calling themselves the "Triumvirate of the Republic," forcibly drove him from power, and issued a decree for the election of a President by a direct, universal, free and spontaneous vote, to be held in three days after the month ensuing. It will be observed that this election was called and held in direct violation of the provisions of the Constitution of 1844, which provides for an electoral college, to be chosen by limited suffrage. The vote polled was very small, and Gen. CABRAL was returned with great unanimity. (Dispatch of Sept. 8, 1868.) Mr. SOMERS SMITH, who had just been appointed Commercial Agent, reports that he felt sanguine that any arrangement that might be desirable could be effected advantageously. The new Government lost no time in conveying to the Government of Spain its willingness to part with the possession in the Bay of Samana. The manner in which the ultimatum was made, and the steps which were taken by this Government, cannot be better described than in the language of my predecessor, Mr. SEWARD.

SAMANA OFFERED FOR A LOAN.

On the 8th of November, 1866, Señor JOSE G. GARCIA, Secretary of State in charge of Foreign Relations of the Dominican Republic, addressed a "very confidential" letter to the Secretary of State of the United States. In that letter Señor GARCIA inquired of the undersigned if, in view of the deplorable condition to which the Dominican Republic had been reduced in consequence of the unequal contest which it had maintained during two years with the Spanish Monarch, the United States would be willing to loan the Dominican Republic $1,000,000 in the character of a loan, on just, equitable and reasonable conditions. Señor GARCIA expressed a desire to learn, also, whether the Government of the United States would be disposed to give to the Dominican Republic, on credit, a certain quantity of species, artillery, sufficient to meet the necessities she had for them, because all that she had were broken up in her fortifications before the late recent Spanish war. Señor GARCIA solicited a confidential reply. Señor GARCIA'S letter was accompanied by a dispatch of the same from JOHN SOMERS SMITH, Jr., United States Commercial Agent at San Domingo, to the Secretary of State. Mr. SMITH stated in that dispatch that he had been requested by the Dominican Government to address the undersigned on the subject of such a loan as has been before mentioned. He stated that the President of the Dominican Republic impelled it to obtain a loan from some quarter, and it addressed the United States in preference to European Powers. Mr. SMITH stated the nature of the financial arrangement of the Dominican Republic, and he set forth its condition in regard to debts and revenues. He stated that the Dominican Government was desirous of purchasing certain munitions of war, and a small steam propeller for packet or other service. Mr. SMITH further stated that the Dominican Government is very liberal in granting privileges to parties desiring to explore and work the numerous and valuable mines with which the country abounds, and that a great revival of business was anticipated to take place soon, from the new resources of the favored country, so rich in mines and valuable woods, and a soil unsurpassed in the West Indies, and that it was confidently expected that the revenue would soon be adequate to meet all expenditures in connection with the loan for which they applied; that he (Mr. SMITH) had been authorized to offer to the United States the use of the coal mines of Yaquey and certain bays called Ocamita and Barcoreo, at the mouth of the Bay of Samana, for such purpose and for such time as might be agreed upon if satisfactory arrangements could be concluded. Mr. SMITH represented that the possession of Levantado and Balanos would be of great advantage as a naval station, commanding as it does the transit from Europe to the Gulf of Mexico through the Mona passage. Mr. SMITH stated that during the then recent Spanish annexation, the Spanish marine used Levantado as their head-quarters, and Samana was a coal depot; that the different Republic of Hayti was menaced with European war, while war was actually being carried on between Spain and the South American Republics on the Pacific, and that the Dominican Government was apprehensive that if the Spanish fleet should extend into the waters of the Caribbean Sea, Spain might in that event seize again on her old position at Samana. In conclusion, Mr. SMITH added that he was desired to request of the Government of the United States that in the event of their declining to form the proposition for the loan, it would consider as confidential the offer of the Government to lease the islands in the Bay of Samana, as its publication might be prejudicial to the Dominican Republic in her relations with other Powers.

REPORTS TO PURCHASE IT.

The United States have long desired, for naval, political and commercial reasons, to obtain a station in the West Indies. The proposition which the Dominican Government submitted furnished grounds to expect that those desired advantages might be secured through some arrangement with the Republic which would afford a moral guarantee of an independence and a harbinger of prosperity and welfare. Induced by these considerations, the Assistant Secretary of State, attended by Rear-Admiral PORTER, United States Navy, on the 4th of January, 1867, proceeded to the City of San Domingo, invested with ample power to conclude, subject to ratification by the Senate of the United States, a convention with the Dominican Republic for the cession or lease of the peninsula and Bay of Samana, provided that in the judgment of the Assistant Secretary, with the concurrence of the Admiral, that peninsula should be found to offer the advantages which were sought. The Assistant Secretary was authorized to offer $1,000,000, payable half in cash and half in arms and ammunition of war, as a consideration for the proposed cession. He was instructed to require a full sovereignty of the United States over the territory to be ceded, and was authorized to pay part of the consideration money, as soon as the cession should be made and ratified by the Government of the Dominican Republic. He arrived at San Domingo on the 19th of January, 1867, and was cordially received. The Government of the Dominican Republic entered very frankly upon a discussion of the affair. Conferences were continued so long as they promised any favorable result. On the 22d of January, 1867, the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury transmitted a final report. He stated:

"That the Dominican Government expressed a willingness, in the event of a satisfactory arrangement with the United States in regard to Samana, which would provide us with a suitable naval harbor and coaling station, that it could not consent to an absolute sale of territory without violating an express provision of the Constitution. The Dominican Republic just concluded that it would be inconvenient to await amendments to the Constitution. The Dominican Government therefore proposed a lease of the Bay Cayes Levantado, which commanded the entrance of the Bay of Samana and the two of the adjacent waters, together with certain specified privileges on the main land of the peninsula."

The measure would not answer the purpose of the United States. The Assistant Secretary, therefore, declined to entertain that proposition, and stated frankly that we wanted no place at all unless it was one which we should have absolute control over while we owned it—one which was large enough for our use, and one which we could hold, fortify and maintain against all enemies. The Assistant Secretary reported, as the result of all the discussions, that it was impracticable to conclude any arrangement at that time with the Dominican Republic on the basis of the instructions of the Department. He concluded that the project of ceding or leasing the Peninsula of Samana to the United States was one which commended itself to the better judgment and sagacity of the leading minds of the Dominican Republic, but that they were reluctant to risk the responsibility of so bold a step, fearing the public sentiment or some popular prejudice of the Dominican people; that the Spanish invasion and seizure of Samana had worked a distrust of foreign Powers, a dread of foreign designs or aggrandizement, but that time and reason would, perhaps, show how unfounded these apprehensions were as regarded the United States—that Powers seeking commerce and friendship could have them from the very ends whence they derived, and had power and geography to give.

ANCIENT REVIEW.

In receiving this report, the President of the United States was unwilling to relinquish his opinion that the very liberal propositions which had been made might yet, upon reconsideration, be accepted; and he therefore on the 20th of February, 1867, transmitted a dispatch to Mr. SOMMERS SMITH, Esq., Commercial Agent of the United States at San Domingo, authorizing him to conclude a convention for the cession of the territory and waters in question, provided he find it practicable, upon the same terms with those submitted by the Assistant Secretary. No progress having been made by Mr. SMITH, the power with which he was invested was revoked on the 6th of May, 1867. Friendly sentiments concerning the Ashtown of the Republic of Hayti, the Secretary of State to direct not publicly should be given to these proceedings, and that no trace of them should be left on the records of the Commercial or Consular Agent of the United States, in San Domingo.

THE SUPPOSED UNPLEASANT TREATY.

At subsequent periods, during the year 1867, the Dominican Government was unwarned to have entered into a treaty with the Republic of Hayti by which those two Powers, which divide the island of St. Domingo between them, mutually stipulated that neither would in any alienate any portion of its territories, and proclamation was issued by the President of the Dominican Republic announcing that he had not made, and should not make any cession of the Bay or Peninsula of Samana to the United States or to any other Power. The undersigned now learns with pleasure that the treaty thus referred to was not concluded.

A DIRECT OFFER BY THE CABRAL GOVERNMENT.

It appears that the Government of President CABRAL was unwilling to rest on the failure of the negotiations with the Assistant Secretary of State. Mr. SOMERS SMITH wrote the Department, confidentially, on the 24th of November, 1867, that:

"An informal proposal had been made to him for a lease of Samana."

To which Mr. SEWARD replied on the 18th of December, 1867, that:

"It would be inconsistent with the self-respect of this Government to entertain the question which Mr. PIALLO had raised, without being first furnished with the direct offer of the Government of Hayti upon the subject, and received upon him by the Government of the Dominican Republic."

Upon the receipt of this emphatic letter Mr. PUJOL was sent to Washington by Gen. CABRAL, with full powers, and Mr. SOMERS SMITH was confidentially informed that

"Pujol, in his recent so made territory, had acted for the dignity and honor of his country; but that affairs had become desperate and might terminate in complete anarchy. It therefore became necessary to yield to the situation, and the President had been ordered by twelve of the leading Generals in Cibao, at once to make a proposal to the United States for the lease of Samana."

These negotiations with Cabral Government, which proceeded to be successful, were terminated abruptly on the 6th of the following March, (1868,) by the downfall of the administration of Gen. CABRAL, and the reinstatement of Gen. BAEZ as President of the Republic, by means of a revolution.

EUROPEAN POWERS AFTER THE PRIZE.

It would seem that this failure had caused apprehension in some minds lest some European Power should avail itself of the opportunity which the United States was apparently letting slip from its grasp. The archives of this Department contain many inquiries on that point. On the 1st of June, 1866, the following letter appears to have been received at the Department, addressed to Hon. WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Department of State:

SENATE CHAMBER, May 28.

DEAR SIR: If you have any information with regard to any movement on the part of the North German Confederation to obtain a naval station in the West Indies, I should be obliged to you to communicate it to me. Faithfully yours,

(Signed.) CHARLES SUMNER.

The answer to this letter is not found on the files of the Department. It is to be presumed, however, that efforts in that direction at that time by European Governments were unsuccessful.

NEGOTIATIONS REOPENED BY BAEZ.

The new Government of San Domingo reopened negotiations with the United States, and on the 9th day of December, 1866, Mr. SOMERS SMITH wrote the Department:

"I have had repeated interviews for the past fortnight with President BAEZ. Gen. LUPERON has protested against any kind of arrangement between the United States and the Dominican Republic, and has written to President BALNAVE, saying that it was requisite to protect the negroes, the only caste that must govern this island. BALNAVE refused to agree with him, and has sent to Mr. BAEZ the communication of Gen. LUPERON. Gen. PIMENTEL has likewise protested. The only true Government that possesses power and popularity and wishes to be under the protection of the United States is that of Mr. BAEZ."

And again on the 16th of December, 1866, Mr. SOMERS SMITH wrote to the Department that since his dispatch of the previous day, Mr. DESMONTS had called on me, (him,) at the special instance of the President, to inform me (him) that he (Mr. BAEZ) addressed letters to the different authorities throughout the Republic on the question of seeking the protection of the United States, and had received replies from all quarters affirming that such a measure is most highly approved of, and is very popular in all parts of the country. Again, on the 19th of December, 1866, the same officer wrote:

"Mr. BAEZ is well aware that the Congress of the United States may not be inclined to bring about the incorporation of any State or country by an act of war, or what might be construed as conquest, but only by the free and general consent of the people expressed in a constitutional manner. The Government of the Dominican Republic is prepared to obtain the national declaration by the common vote, or by acclamation, or in any form that our Government may indicate as satisfactory."

Such was the condition of these negotiations when the Administration of Mr. JOHNSON ceased.

FACTS DEMONSTRATED BY CORRESPONDENCE.

A mass of correspondence in the archives of this Department, from a variety of sources, much of which was unpublished, and some of which may be thought to have been biased by political interest, appeared to demonstrate the following points:

First—That the Spanish portion of the island of San Domingo was thinly populated; the estimates varied from 120,000 to 200,000 persons. Those who would appear to have had the best opportunities for correct information fixed the number at less than 200,000.

Second—That the soil of that part of the island was rich and fertile, and capable of a production beyond any corresponding extent of the Island of Cuba.

Third—That its actual production was greatly diminished by the disturbed state of its civil and political relations, caused partly by the Spanish invasion, partly by the character of the population, and largely by the aggressive policy of the neighboring Republic of Hayti.

Fourth—That all parties with equal unanimity sought a refuge from these disturbances in a more intimate connection with the United States, which was regarded as the natural protector of republican institutions in the Western hemisphere.

Fifth—That they had all desired to lease the Bay and Peninsula of Panama to the United States for a naval station as a first step toward ultimate annexation.

Sixth—That the Bay of Samana was the key to the Mona channel, which was the "gate to the Caribbean Sea and the Isthmus of Panama."

POLICY OF PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS.

The policy which led several previous Administration to entertain the negotiations which have been referred to, was regarded as too well settled by a practice of nearly seventy years to be then questioned. It was supposed, in the striking language of a then recent speech in the Senate on the acquisition of Alaska that "Our city can be nothing less than the North American continent, with its gates on all the surrounding seas."

FURTHER INFORMATION DESIRED.

Nevertheless, it was thought best not to act without further information derived through accurate and trustworthy sources, of which the Administration had actual knowledge. On the second day of June, 1869, Mr. BENJAMIN S. HUNT, of Philadelphia, a gentleman peculiarly well qualified for the mission, was instructed as follows:

The President, deeming it advisable to employ a special agent to obtain information in regard to the Dominican Republic, selected you for that purpose. The points to which your inquiries will be directed are, the population of that Republic in towns in the country on the north and south coasts, and in the interior respectively; the number of whites, of pure Africans, of mulattoes, of other mixtures, and of the African and Caucasian races, of Indians, and of the crosses between them and Africans respectively. You will also inquire and report upon the soil of the country and their production in each locality, as to the number, dye woods, and minerals, and as to whether any mines are worked, and the extent and value of their products. You will likewise endeavor to obtain full and accurate information in regard to the position of the Government and people of that Republic toward United States, the character of the Government, whether it be military or civil, whether it be stable or liable to be overthrown. It is also desirable to know what the revenues of that country may be, and whence derived, and the tonnage, to be cleared or so as to show the proportion of its foreign trade under its own flag and under those of other countries, similar returns in regard to the coastwise trade would be acceptable. You will also ascertain what the debt, foreign and domestic, of that Government may be, and where the debt may be held. Inquiry should also be made as to whether any other foreign Power may be seeking to obtain possession of any other point of that country. Generally any information tending to illustrate the condition and resources of that Republic, and the character and influence of those charged with its destinies, would be acceptable.

Mr. HUNT accepted the appointment, and was making preparations for his departure when he was attacked by a serious illness, which compelled him to resign.

GEN. BABCOCK'S MISSION.

On the 13th of July, Brevet Brig.-Gen. BABCOCK, who was employed in the Executive Office, and who enjoyed the full confidence of the Government, was in the place of Mr. HUNT, instructed to proceed to San Domingo on the same mission, and sailed from New-York about four days after receiving his instructions. The instructions previously given to Mr. HUNT were enlarged, by directing an inquiry into the status of paper money, and as to the supposed views of foreign Powers toward that country. They may be found in Senate Report No. 234, second section, Thirty-first Congress, page 189, and also upon the third page of the correspondence confidentially communicated to the Senate, hereinafter referred to, which is herewith transmitted. The manner in which Gen. BABCOCK executed those instructions has been minutely detailed by him in his examination before the Committee of the Senate. Upon his return to Washington, Gen. BABCOCK made a favorable verbal report fully confirming the information previously in the possession of the Department as to the population of the island, the salubrity of the climate, the wealth of the soil, and the disposition of the people and Government toward annexation, and he presented as a response to his instructions certain documents. (To be found in Senate papers already in print.)

NEGOTIATIONS FOR ANNEXATION.

The results of Gen. BABCOCK'S examination were deemed favorable to the annexation of the adopted policy. He was therefore directed to return to San Domingo, in order to aid Mr. RAYMOND H. PERRY, the Commercial Agent of the United States, to negotiate for the cession of the whole territory of the Republic to the United States, and as an alternative proposition for a lease of the Peninsula and Bay of Samana to the United States, a treaty for the examination of the territories of the Republic, and a convention for the lease of the Bay and Peninsula of Samana, were accordingly concluded. (Copies of these documents are herewith transmitted, in accordance with the resolution.) The treaty did not receive the assent of the Senate. The convention is still pending before that body. The terms of the treaty require that a popular vote should be taken upon the question of annexation. The almost unanimous affirmative vote of the subscripts of which is on in the Department of State, show it to have been of a spontaneous character. Mr. PERRY bears repeated testimony justifying the opinion alike of the friends of Gen. CABRAL and of the friends of Gen. BAEZ—in other words, of all the political leaders of the Republic, that the whole people desire annexation. So much of the correspondence of Mr. RAYMOND H. PERRY, the agent who signed the treaty and convention on the part of the United States, as is not printed in the Senate report, and relates to the information called for by the Senate resolution, is herewith submitted. The following chronologic table of events will be observed in this correspondence. The communication from the Secretary of State to Mr. PERRY, which will be found upon the 224th page of said Report, comments upon the false information which he said had been communicated to the Department, and upon his disregard of his instructions.

THE OPPOSITION CAUSED BY MR. DAVID HATCH.

It is evident that nearly all parties in San Domingo desired the annexation, but there appears to have been a hostility to the form in which it was to be consummated, growing out of the repudiation by the BAEZ Government of the grant of salt mines to one DAVID HATCH, originally made by the Spaniards when they attempted to resume their old dominion during the rebellion in the United States, and confirmed by CABRAL during the few days that he held power. After the retirement of Spain it was claimed that Mr. HATCH was a naturalized Spanish subject.

DIRECT ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS ASKED.

Having thus rapidly conveyed the negotiations between the two Governments, extending over a period of twenty-five years, the Secretary of State is enabled to answer more intelligently the questions submitted to him by the President. He is asked for

Copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the proposed annexation of the Dominican portion of the Island of San Domingo, or the purchase of any part thereof, including the first and all subsequent instructions to any agent or Consul of the United States with the correspondence of such agent or Consul.

In reply to this he has the honor to refer to the instructions of Mr. HOGAN, already noticed, and his report, with its inclosures, to extracts from and references to the correspondence with the Commercial Agents at San Domingo already made in this report; to the correspondence of Gen. BABCOCK with Mr. RAYMOND H. PERRY, in the Senate report, already referred to, the extracts of the correspondence of that officer, which are herewith transmitted, and to the copy herewith transmitted of the confidential correspondence already alluded to.

Second—To the inquiry for "any protocol or convention signed by such agent or Consul."

For the protocol signed by Gen. BABCOCK, the Secretary of State refers to the Senate reports already referred to. For the convention, he refers to the said confidential correspondence, herewith transmitted.

Third—Also an account of the debt and liabilities of the Dominican Government, especially its obligations to the Republic of Hayti, if any exist.

The Secretary respectfully refers to the said confidential correspondence, herewith inclosed, for the latest and most accurate account of the debt and liabilities of the Dominican Government in the possession of this Department; and it has no knowledge of any obligation which it is under to the neighboring Republic of Hayti, unless the allegation in above in the papers contained therein.

Fourth—Also, the provisions of the existing constitution of Dominica so far as the same relate to the sale or transfer of the national domain."

It is not possible for the Secretary of State to determine from the archives of this Department which Constitution is now in force in the Republic. All parties alike have seemed to seek annexation to the United States as the utmost hope for the future of the Republic. The Secretary of State cannot decide whether the clause already quoted from the Constitution of 1854 is or is not in force. It may be that all parties regard it as inapplicable to the fundamental change in the political character of the Government which, like annexation to the United States, changes the relations of the national sovereignty without alienating the national domain; or it may be that it is now in force. It is clear that it is not recognized by the friends of CABRAL or of BAEZ as an impediment to any treaty of any State or country by an act of Congress. The Department of State is in the possession of official information, of a secret and confidential character, fully confirming this statement, which, it is understood, that the President has transmitted confidentially to the Senate.

Fifth—Any treaty with Hayti or France by which Dominica is bound as affected.

The Secretary of State has the honor, in reply to this, to refer to the translation of the treaty of boundary made in the year 1777, between France and Spain, for determining the boundary between their respective possessions on the Island of San Domingo, and together with this to a map of the island, showing the position of this boundary to be the line now claimed by the Dominican Republic; also to the ordinance of the King of France, dated April 12, 1825, herewith transmitted.

Sixth—Any communication from the neighboring Republic of Hayti, or from our Minister there, relative to the annexation question.

The Secretary of State has the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a dispatch from the United States Minister at Hayti, dated February 17, 1870, with its inclosures; also, a copy of a note from the Minister of Hayti at Washington, received by the Secretary of State a few hours after the introduction into the Senate of the resolution herewith answered, and a copy of the reply thereto. Although this correspondence, which is the only correspondence on the subject, did not reach the Secretary of State until after the resolution was introduced into the Senate, it is supposed to be the correspondence called for by the resolution, as no other has been obtained to either the thieves or property.

The steam-ship *City of Buenos Ayres*, which has been loading since the 18th of December, and about which her agents have been so mysterious, sailed yesterday with the following cargo: 120 cannon, 2,800 boxes of ammunition, 1,327 boxes cartridges, 413 boxes muskets, 515 barrels, 4 boxes bayonets, 22 forges, 22 battery wagons, 101 gun-carriages.

The Teutonia Maennerchor, one of the leading German vocal organizations, celebrated its nineteenth anniversary at the Teutonia Assembly Rooms, on Sunday. Of twenty-two vocalists, who were the founders of the Society, only six remain. The Society at present numbers 273 members, of whom forty-nine are active singers, under the direction of Mr. GROSCURTH.

An altercation occurred last evening between WILLIAM RUTTER, tobacco dresser, No. 150 Chatham-street, and BENJAMIN LYNCH, a boy, sixteen years of age, in his employ, which culminated in LYNCH'S rushing upon the other with a drawn knife, when RUTTER struck him over the abdomen, inflicting an injury which required his removal to Bellevue Hospital. No arrest was made.

Dr. FR. FRECH, a well-known German politician of this City, died at the German Hospital on this city, and was buried yesterday from the hospital. The deceased was a native of Baden, and was one of the numerous refugees who came to this country after the collapse of the revolution of 1848-49.

The charge of embezzling Bonds was made against CHARLES H. MARSHALL, at the United States Commissioner's Office, yesterday, by Mr. JAMES GAYLOR, Special Agent of the Post-office Department. A warrant was given to Deputy Marshal KEENON for the arrest of the accused, who is now held by the State authorities at the Tombs on two separate charges of forgery.

Miss KATE FIELD describes "Life in the Adirondacks" this evening, at the Chelsea Presbyterian Church, West Twenty-second-street, just east of Ninth-avenue, for the benefit of St. Peter's Episcopal Sunday-school. The lecture is well worth hearing, and the cause well worth aiding.

JAMES QUIGLEY, THOMAS HOLMES and EDWARD KENNY, neither of whom is twelve years of age, were held for trial, yesterday, at the Special Sessions for cutting out a piece of thick glass from the show-case of JAMES MCCARTHY, No. 106 Chambers-street, and stealing $25 worth of skates.

Judge BLATCHFORD, in the United States District Court, has issued an order directing the Marshal to release the steamer *Florida* from custody, no appeal having been taken in the case by the District Attorney.

Sheriff BRENNAN yesterday appointed Mr. PATRICK CUFF, an active Democrat in the Sixteenth Ward, as one of his Deputies.

Today is the anniversary of the birthday of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, who was born in 1706.

BROOKLYN.

In 1856, Rev. WILLIAM HOWELL TAYLOR, in company with two fellow-students, started on a European tour, with a determination to walk through some of the principal portions, with their knapsacks strapped on their shoulders, and to, by this means, gather information in relation to all matters worthy of investigation. Soon after starting, one of the young men gave out, and left the others to pursue their romantic trip. They passed through all of the principal cities and villages in France and Germany, making copious notes as they proceeded. Tonight Mr. TAYLOR, who is the pastor of the Noble-street Presbyterian Church, in Greenpoint, will deliver a lecture, in his church, for the benefit of the Sabbath-school connected with the church, and he will give a narrative of his trip.

JOSEPHUS JINKINS was sent to the Penitentiary, yesterday, for three months, for having, while under the influence of liquor, on Sunday night, amused himself by throwing potatoes at the church goers on Atlantic-street.

In the Court of Sessions, yesterday, Judge TROY sentenced RICHARD HARWAY to a residence of one year in the Penitentiary, for attempting to commit highway robbery.

The annual collection made on Sunday in Grace Church, Brooklyn Heights, (Rev. Dr. BS H. PADDOCK, rector,) for missions, amounted to $10,000.

NEW-JERSEY.

A jury impaneled by Justice MARTIN, of Bayonne, to inquire into the circumstances of the death of Mrs. ABBY VAN BUSKIRK, an aged colored woman, rendered their verdict at a late hour last night, after nine hours' deliberation. Twenty witnesses were examined, and the testimony proved that Mrs. VAN BUSKIRK started to go home on Saturday night from the Bayonne Grove House, deeply intoxicated, and was found dead on the back road, near Newark Bay, on Sunday afternoon. The report that there were marks upon the ground, showing that the body was dragged a long distance, was shown to be untrue, and the jury rendered a verdict that the woman died from inebriation and exposure.

JAMES NORMAN, nineteen years of age, family, shot himself at Chester, Morris County, on Saturday. He was running, and while having one barrel of his gun he neglected to lower the trigger upon the other barrel, which was loaded. In ramming home the charge, the gun fell and the contents of the barrel entered his head, tearing off a portion of the scull, and inflicting fatal injuries.

JOHN MORAN, whom it was supposed had been fatally stabbed by his wife on Warren-street, Jersey City, on Wednesday last, is still alive, and may possibly recover. His wife has been arrested and is still held.

A State Temperance Convention in the interest of the "local option" project will meet at the Opera-house, Trenton, today. A petition in favor of the passage of such a law will be presented to the Legislature.

One hundred and fifty conductors and brakemen have been discharged on the Marcy and Kinney extension roads on account of the strike in the Scranton region.

The ferry-boats *Delaware* and *Forrest*, of the Erie line, yesterday collided, damaging the former to such an extent as to necessitate her lying up for repairs.

The coal miners' strike has thrown over a thousand laborers out of employment in the City of Newark alone.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The market for American Securities opened quiet and steady, improving after 1 P. M., and closed quiet, and were dull at 4½ P. M. The following table shows the state of the market during the day:

	11½ A. M.	1½ P. M.
Consols for money	92¼	92¼
Consols for account	92¼	92¼
United States 6-20s, 1862	89¼	89¼
United States 5-20s, 1865	89¼	89¼
United States 5-20s, 1867	89¼	89¼
United States 10-40s	87¼	87¼
Erie Reduced Shares	18	18
Illinois Central	116	116
Atlantic and Great Western	20¼	20¼

(The closing quotations were not received last night.)

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 16—12 P. M.—COTTON—Twelve o'clock: Uplands, 7½d; Orleans, 7½d. The sales of the day are estimated at 12,000 bales. BREADSTUFFS—Wheat, 10s. 1d. @10s. 7d. per cental for the Middle and Lower ports of No. 1 to the lowest grades of No. 2, New Red Western Spring, 10s. 7d. @10s. 9d. PROVISIONS—Pork 64s. @65s. 6d.; Bacon, 53s. for Cumberland cut.

LONDON, Jan. 16—Spirits TURPENTINE, 34s. 6d. per cwt. Rosin dull and declining, 4s. 6d. per cwt. PETROLEUM—Refined, 1s. 4d.; Spirits, 1s. 6d. in bd. Common RESIN, 4s. 6d. per cwt.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 16.—COTTON firm; with a good demand; Middling, 11½c.—11½c. FLOUR firm and quiet. GRAIN—Wheat firm and quiet; sales of 41 Mixed, 22. CORN firm and tending up; sales, 10,000 bushels, 47c. RYE—Upward course at 86c. OATS steady, with a moderate demand; No. 4, 41c. BARLEY firm; No. 2 fall, 75c. PORK—Mess, 19 50. LARD firm; Clear, 8½c. BULK MEATS firm; Clear Rib, 7¾c.; Clear Sides, 8c. WHISKY—Demand for bulk lots; offered, Green, 88c.—7c. for Shoulders, 9c. for Sides, 11½c.@12½c. for Hams; all offered were taken. BACON 10c offered to any extent, nominal offer. LARD—Tierces, 8c. BULK MEATS—Clear Rib, 7¾c.; Clear Sides, 8c. LARD higher; sales at 11½c.@11½c. for prime Steam. WHISKY—Demand fair; sales, 1,000 gallons at 88c. FREIGHTS—Quiet; Provisions, 60c. Flour, 10,000 bushels Wheat, 4,000 Hogs.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 16. FLOUR quiet; sales 270 bbls. at the range. WHEAT strong; sales 14,000 bushels No. 2 Chicago Spring at $1 30. CORN higher; sales of 2,000 bushels Western at 60c. OATS—Western at 47c.@48c. RYE—Western at 80c. BARLEY—Canada West, 2 rows, $1 70. LARD firm; Tierces, 11½c.@12c. BULK MEATS—Clear Sides, 12½c. SUGAR firm; Fair, 7½c.@8c.; Prime, 8c.@8½c. MOLASSES—Common, 30c.@35c.; Prime, 50c.@60c.; Choice, 65c.@70c. WHISKY—$1 weak at 87c. FREIGHTS—Flour, 10c. Wheat, 10c. Corn, 10c. Lake Shipments, 12½c.@13c.; New-York Sight, ½ discount. GOLD 114½.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 16.—TOBACCO firm; sales, 32 hhds. at $6@$8 for common lugs to medium leaf. BAGGING quiet. HEMP and FLAX, 16c.@20c. COTTON quiet at 19¾c. FLOUR firm and $5 @$5 50 for family stocks. Other grains unchanged. HOGS—Nothing doing. PROVISIONS buoyant. Mess PORK $21. Bulk MEATS, 10½c.@11½c. BACON—Shoulders, 9½c. Clear Ribs, 11½c. Clear Rib Sides, 12c. LARD, 12c. WHISKY quiet at 88c.

NEW-ORLEANS, Jan. 16.—COTTON in fair demand; prices advanced; Middling, 14½c.@15c.; net receipts, 7,400 bales; gross, 7,876 bales; exports to Great Britain, 10,859 bales; to France, 1,500 bales; to the Continent, 1,000 bales; coastwise, 1,200 bales; stock, 179,000 bales. FLOUR firm and active; the demand for shipping grades exceeds the supply. WHEAT steady and unchanged; choice White, $1 70@$1 75; fair to good, $1 60@$1 65; common, $1 40@$1 50. CORN—Mixed, 62c.@63c.; Yellow, 64c.@65c. OATS firm; No. 2, 41½c.@42c. cash; sales 600, April, refused 43c. RYE firm; sales 800 at 76c. BARLEY dull and nominally; No. 2, 80c.@82c. cash. Corn-meal steady; Western, $3 50@$3 75. Pork in good demand at $19 50 cash; sales 400 at $19 75; February, $19 50@$19 75; March, $19 75@$20; April, $20@$20 25; May, $20 50. LARD, 12½c. cash; 12½c. February; sales, 20,000 Short Clear, loose, 10½c. WHISKY firm; sales, 200 bbls. at 87c. FREIGHTS—Cotton to Liverpool, 5-16d. Hogs strong. Lard higher; shipment light; 5c. bid, 5½c. asked.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 16.—COTTON dull and nominal at 14c. FLOUR firm and advanced 10c.@25c.; supply fine winter, $4 20@$4 75; Extra Winter, $4 50@$4 75; Family, $5@$5 25; Extra Spring, $4 75@$5; XXX, $4 50@$4 75; Superfine, $3@$3 50. WHEAT—No. 2 Fall, $1 10@$1 12; No. 3, $1 06@$1 08; No. 4, $1 01@$1 03; Rejected, 90c.@95c.; No. 2 Spring